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Original Poetry.

CHRIST STILLING THE TEMPEST.

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Lone Night, descending with her sable shroud,
Had darkly canopied the troubled deep!
All, all in gloom was mantled; and the barque
That bore the Saviour, with his timid band,
Held silent on her way no kindly ray
To aid its guidance—not one glimmering star—
But all was deep, impenetrable gloom!
Still in its doubtful course, that gallant ship
Moved on, obedient, through the dread profound!
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Hark to the warning! Mark the quivering gleam!
Down—down—the Tempest plunges on the sea,
And the mad waves rise up to buffet it—
And now like angry demons they contend!
Loud peals the thunder—quick the lightnings flash—
The hoarse-toned Tempest howls along the wave—
And Gilliloe heaves from his rocky base!
But ah! by the red lightning's fitful glare,
What barque is plunging 'mid the billowy strife,
And dashing madly on to fearful doom?
'Tis He—the Saviour's! Now it mounts the wave,
And rises threatening to the frowning sky,
And now, down, headlong, in the yawning depths,
While swelling seas break over it in their wrath!
But where is He—the Master? heeds he not
The bursting anguish—the heart-rending cry?
Upon the deck, amid the billows roar,
And breaking surges, lo! he sleepeth there,
Calm as an infant on its nurse's breast!
But now, a wave, high rising o'er the deep,
Lofts its dire crest, and, like a vengeful fiend,
Comes as a mountain on! Thy affrighted band
Fly in their frenzy to their sleeping Lord,
And in despair's low accents shriek for aid
"We perish, Master! save, oh, save us, Lord!"
He rose, and, with a calm, benignant miss,
Looked on the storm; then, with a mighty spirit,
As if the Tempest were his willing slave,
Commanded, "Peace! be still!"
The thunders hushed!
The trembling lightnings fled away in fear!
The foam-rapt surges sank to quiet rest!
The raging waves grew still! "There was a calm!"

Original Tales.

FORTUNE'S FROLICS, OR: THE LOST AND FOUND. A Domestic Story.

CONCLUDED.

WRITTEN FOR THE UNITED STATES SATURDAY POST, BY THE AUTHOR OF "THE FELON'S MANUSCRIPT," "THE MISANTHROPE," "LOVE'S WORK," "TWICE WEDDED," "THE BUBBLES OF A FORMER DAY," &c., &c., &c.

CHAPTER VII.

THE MANIAC AT SEA.

In the month of November in the year 183-, the good ship Mary Kingsland sailed from New York for New Orleans, crowded with passengers and freight.

Among those who had taken places in the second cabin, was a good looking young woman, with her little golden haired boy, about two years old. They came on board at midnight, accompanied by an elderly woman, who remained with them till daylight, and disappeared when the anchor was weighed.

Every thing appeared to be provided for the comfort of the woman and her child while on the voyage; among other things a demijohn of Port wine, and some articles of luxury, peculiarly palatable on recovering from sea sickness.

The passengers on surveying the accommodations of each, and scrutinizing the physiognomy of all, began to fancy, from existing circumstances, that a goodly company had gathered on board, and that the tedium of the voyage would in consequence be rendered more agreeable. All, therefore, made up their minds for a merry and pleasant passage.

Nothing occurred to interrupt this expectation until the vessel was several days at sea, when the singular conduct of the woman excited the attention and created alarm among the passengers. Her fantastic antics and her wild cries, soon led to the supposition that she was insane. The alienation of her mind was attributed to her frequent resort to the demijohn of wine; and to prevent mischief it was deemed proper to deprive her of the beverage altogether.

This seemed to produce the desired result. The woman gradually recovered from her malady. She became as docile as a child, and finally her sir and language were those of a lady.

Every one now took an interest in her welfare, and longed to know something of her history; why she voyaged to the South alone with her young boy—for as yet none had ventured to question her. Her manners had little relief. And the mystery surrounding her character had become inscrutable—more especially with the female passengers, whose speculations, as to who and what she was, could not be satisfactorily determined among them.

The demon which preyed upon her soul was soothed only for a temporary period. A wild phrensy again came upon her, and awful was the power of the malignant fiend which enveloped her spirit in his crushing folds.

She would rise in the dead stillness of night, and grope her way through every part of the ship—now in the cabins, then in the state rooms; now on deck and then in the steerage, where a rude set of human beings revelled late over their bottle and cards, beneath the flickering light of the suspended lamphorn, while their fellows snored around them. At another time, she would climb the shrouds and walk the narrow ledge of the bulwarks of the upper decks—regardless of the danger, amid the tossing of the billows and the howlings of the storm. Indeed, when the waves rolled up in fiery wrath, and when the storm spirit sang the wild requiem of the mariner doomed, she would revel in the scene and keep chorus in the awful music. Again when she heard the sound of the fiddle, accompanied with dancing on the deck of a calm evening, she would rush to the spot and go through the most extraordinary movements on the "light fantastic toe"—and tired not, so long as the music kept her in motion—even for hours. At another moment she became abstracted and contemplative; she would sit alone and braid her hair, or draw strange hieroglyphics with her finger around where she sat, as if to confine herself within a charmed circle, and by strange incantations, to drive back the evil spirit which tormented her existence. Again she would sing the most plaintive ditty or the most lively song, in tones of the richest melody—then would converse with herself, and soon break forth in yells and language of the most awful import.

Every means were used to calm her perturbed spirit, but there was no balm for the "mind diseased," and thus she terminated the phrensied creature for the rest of the voyage. During all the while she seemed to be regardless of all on board save her bright haired boy—for whom she exhibited the most remarkable fondness. The little fellow was constantly by her side or in her arms—even when she strode the deck, and communed with the storm-god when he breathed fearful flame and spoke in terrible thunder. He was never heard to whimper or complain, but seemed to have a consciousness of the malady of his mother, and minded by his own gentleness to alleviate her care.

Before the voyage was over, she had truly became the object of deep pity. She had stripped herself destitute of shoes and almost every article of clothing, which she cast stealthily overboard, piece by piece, as if in sacrifice to appease the threatening vengeance of Neptune. Her money, of which she was known to be possessed of a number of gold sovereigns, was also missing—perhaps given in tribute to the monsters of the great deep.

When the vessel reached New Orleans the generous hearted people of that city provided herself and child an asylum, where her malady might be gently treated, and where neither mother nor child might suffer from neglect nor want.

CHAPTER VIII.

THE JOURNEY AND ITS PERILS.

In the month of January, 1840, two travellers met at Harrisburg from different points, and took the stage by the Northern route for Pittsburg.

The one was a young man of pleasing countenance and prepossessing address and appearance. The other was somewhat advanced in life—plain in his dress and manners, and of a social disposition.

The older gentleman booked himself by the name of Dalrymple, and recorded Cincinnati as the place of his destination. The other was no other than Henry Fairfield, just returned from Brazil, where he had acquired wealth and now on his way to Pittsburg, to meet, as he supposed, his sister Lily, from whom he had received no tidings during the period of his absence from the United States.

It was a bitter cold morning when the coach set out; but anon the sun arose in brilliant effulgence, and threw a cheering aspect over the face of winter. The ground was covered with a deep snow, which had fallen some days before; and the rain of the preceding night, which congealed as it fell, had rendered the roads slippery and dangerous to travel. All nature seemed encased in glass. Long icicles hung from the branches of trees and bushes, like pendants of chandeliers, while the globules of water which had frozen on the leaves of the ever-green trees, sparkled in the sunbeams like so many brilliant diamonds.

The scene was beautiful in the extreme. The Winter King, in his frolicsome humor, had set his invincible artisans at work, and their wondrous skill had fashioned a fairy wall and filled it with images of beauty and glory. It seemed that the travellers passed through the domains of some princely proprietor whose tastes were so unbounded that he could afford to embellish every object around with brilliants and emeralds and costly gems—for this was the effect produced by the frost, the snow and ice, as reflected beneath the radiant sun.

It was a scene to warm and animate the heart of the lover of nature. The old gentleman had the eye of the artist, and the feelings of the painter and poet. He constantly gave vent to some exclamation of rapture, as every turn in the road changed the aspect of the scene, and presented new images of admiration.

Henry Fairfield had too warm a heart not to be inspired with the same enthusiasm of the elder travellers. There was a geniality of soul with them, and almost irresistibly they became united in the bonds of kindred feelings.

From admiring the wonders of nature, the gentlemen entered into her converse. They discoursed of politics, business, money affairs, and subjects of general interest and utility; and finally the story, the anecdote, and the jeu d'esprit contributed to beguile the tedium of the journey.

The day wore on and night approached. The stage proceeded slowly along the base of high hills, and on the verge of the Juniata river, which had now become much swollen from the melting snow, and threatened to overflow its banks. The driver was behind the time with the mails, and anxious to reach the village where the travellers purposed to stop for the night. In vain he urged the speed of the horses—the freezing of the ice on the road, after the sun had gone off, rendered them difficult to overcome, but with slow and cautious driving. The night set in very dark, and the travellers trusting to the skill of the coachman, wrapped their cloaks about them, pulled down their fur caps, and endeavored to resign themselves to slumber, as best they might under the circumstances.

The roar of the flood of the river continued to be heard, and suddenly there was a fearful plashing and plunging of the horses in the water. It had swept over the banks and covered the road many feet deep even to the very base of the mountains. The driver urged the horses forward, until the water rose up to their flanks and entered the body of the coach. The floating cutting ice now caused the beasts to plunge in madness. The noise and confusion around the passengers from their dozings, and starting up, they were now aware of their danger. Fairfield thrust open the coach door, and by the light of the lamp, succeeded in springing to the hill-side in safety. The old gentleman attempted to imitate his example, but his foot slipping from under him, he was precipitated into the water, near the feet of the now furious animals. In an instant both Fairfield and the coachman had plunged into the flood to the rescue of the gentleman from drowning or being crushed to death by the entangled horses; and with much difficulty they succeeded in bringing him to a place of safety on the rising ground. The old man was wet and stiff with cold, and apparently lifeless. The driver drew from his pocket a flask of spirits, and giving it to Fairfield, he commenced rubbing his aged companion's temples and hands, and soon began to perceive signs of returning animation. The coachman meanwhile cut loose the harness from the horses, and placing the body of the elder traveller before him on one of them he rode off, followed by Fairfield on another, to a cabin several miles distant in the rear. The inmates were aroused, a huge fire kindled, and every means used for the comfort of the travellers for the night.

The next morning, the elderly traveller, though considerably bruised was much better, and able to proceed on the journey. A conveyance was procured, and the flood having subsided, the passengers ere the hour of breakfast, found themselves comfortably quartered in the best hotel of the neighboring town. Here they were obliged to remain during the day, in consequence of the mail coaches having failed to connect on the preceding night.

The injured traveller concluded to rest a day or two at this place, and Fairfield having bade him a cordial farewell, took the first coach, and in due time reached Pittsburg, without further incident of interest.

He now learned that his sister had eloped with his friend Everett, but he could obtain little intelligence of their subsequent history. He resolved to return to the east, and taking the route of the northern lakes, his passage from city to city, was rapidly accomplished. He sought every means of information respecting those for whom his soul yearned in the fondest truth and sincerity. He soon heard of the brilliant career of Everett and his after misery; but his place of sojourn, or whether his sister and her husband, or either, lived, none could inform him. He advertised for them in the newspapers in vain. His heart now sickened in its utter loneliness. It overflowed with kindly sympathies, but there were none to share its unctuous endearments. He was alone in the world—even a stranger in his own land.

CHAPTER IX.

THE INEBRIATE'S STORY.

While Fairfield sojourned in New York, and waited in hope to obtain some clue to the mystery which appeared to enshroud the fate of his sister and her husband, he heard of the wonders of the Temperance Reformation, and was induced one evening to attend a meeting of the Washingtonians at their hall.

A number of speakers among the "Reformed Drunkards" addressed the audience; and their powerful appeals reached the inmost soul of many of those present. When they had concluded their speeches, a miserable looking man, was seen to elbow his way towards the rostrum. He mounted the platform and proceeded to give his experience. He was still a young man, but intemperance had left but few traces of the original person. His countenance appeared familiar to Fairfield, but who he was, and where he had seen him, he could not bring to his recollection.

When he had spoken a few words against the detested vice, and warned those around him to shun the poisonous bowl, he proceeded to give an outline of his own history in substance as follows:—

"I was the only son of respectable and wealthy parents. I was considered a boy of rare genius, and received an education corresponding to my station and prospects in life. At college I carried away all the honors in triumph. I finished my course, and entered on the gay world with unfettered spirits, and with wealth and friends to advance my welfare and ambition. I was deemed handsome and accomplished, and produced a sensation wherever I appeared. I married a lady of exceeding beauty, and possessed of a heart of tenderness and love. I revelled through the honey-moon; went abroad; saw the great lights of Europe; returned satiated, and happy with my adored wife, who was the delightful companion of my wanderings. I found myself the heir to great riches on the death of a venerable and venerated father. The money was employed in various ways, and yielded glorious per centage. I became richer and more rich, and could not spend my wealth fast enough. I built palaces and planned beautiful villas. I dashed out in the most splendid manner. My furniture was the most superb that could be bought. My wines were choice and costly; and no luxury was spared to myself and mine. My wife was beautiful—angelic. The butterflies of fashion and folly fluttered around our pathway. The hours fled away swiftly, happily, gloriously. It was a season of perfect bliss; an elysium of never-ending enjoyments was presented before my enraptured vision. I was supremely blessed in all that the heart could desire.

"But all this could not last. The golden bowl of pleasure, and the delicious viands were dashed from me in bitter gall. The mobile of wealth was clipped. The dream of bliss was over! My gold took wings. Banks broke, stocks fell; and no earthly power could avert the ruin which swept around on every side.

"Then came the hour of bitterness—bankruptcy, disgrace, and shame. I cursed heaven in the impotency of my rage. I could not call back my riches, and happiness had departed for ever.

"I left the palace for the plain dwelling—the plain house for the cottage—the cottage for the cellar and garret—and there for the kennel and the gutter!

"In my misery and starvation, I have snatched the bone from the dog, and swallowed greedily the food of swine. I drank deeply—wildly, madly of the red price of perdition! My appetite could not be appeased—even the dregs of the tap-room served to debase my soul. I was bent on death—moral death; and the gulf of despair yawned before my distorted imagination.

"My poor wife suffered amid every deprivation, and repined not. She gently reproved my faults, spoke words of persuasive kindness to my heart, and prayed for my peace and happiness. Oh, heaven! thou knowest the woes I brought upon her head!

"One day a man gave me a dollar. I rushed to a lottery-office, and bought a fractional ticket. I was lucky. It turned up a prize of fifty dollars! I was rich—rich now! I received the money in gold—bright yellow gold! I laughed in the phrensy of my joy.

"I ran to Old Tamany; asked for brandy, and was refused. I became rude and insolent—for I had money. I demanded the infernal beverage, and brought forth my money from my filthy rags to pay for it. I was accused of theft. I denied the charge. My character was so bad, none believed a word I said. They called an officer to drag me away. I resisted—struck the man a deadly blow—and fled.

"I thought of my wife and child. I hastened to our hovel—kissed my boy, bade my wife good-bye, and left them forever!

"I shipped before the mast, and worked my passage to New Orleans. From New Orleans, I found my way to Texas. I rambled on the army, got tired of the service, and ran away. I came back to New Orleans—was picked up in the street as a suspicious person—and committed by Recorder Baldwin, to the calaboose for thirty days. I was finally released. I hired myself as a deck hand, on board of a Mississippi steamer—could not stand the hard work—left the boat at Cincinnati, and determined to come back to New York.

"I walked every step of the way—slept in barns or on the benches of country taverns, and begged food and liquor when my money was all expended.

"I have been in town only two days. A Washtonian persuaded me to come here to-night. I am glad I did so. The eloquence of the speakers has made me feel my utter degradation. I have been a miserable fool. I will be so no longer! Here, on my knees before heaven, I solemnly vow never again to drink the 'distilled damnation' to enter my lips. God keep me strong in the sacred resolution!"

The poor man was overcome with the excess of his feelings, and fell to the floor. The vehemence and wildness of his speech, electrified every being in the hall, and sent a thrilling sensation to the centre of the vital current.

Cold water was dashed into the sufferer's face, and volatile salts placed to his nostrils. He revived gradually, and was soon able to sit on a chair.

Suddenly, his eye caught the countenance of Fairfield. He sprang forward towards him—threw himself upon him—and exclaimed passionately—"My friend—my brother! Forgive—forgive me!" It was Everett!

CHAPTER X.

THE SEARCH FOR THE MISSING.

Fairfield was too much overjoyed on Everett's making himself known, to think of any thing else than his happiness and welfare. He clasped him warmly to his bosom—not only as his college friend but as his brother, and the husband of his beloved sister.

It was something of coincidence, that the man whom Everett had struck to supposed death at Tammany Hall, was the very person who had prevailed upon him to attend the meeting of the Washingtonians.

Everett, now that he was "clothed in his right mind," and restored to his sober reflections, it may be presumed was as anxious to learn some tidings of his wife and child, as Fairfield was to meet his sister and reciprocate the feelings of affection and conscious guilty.

They set to work to trace her out, if living—and if dead to shed the tear in memory of her worth. Their efforts were fruitless, and continued to be baffled for weeks. Everett, with Fairfield, visited his former haunts, and enquired of all who was likely to know ought of her fate, but still without success.

At length, Everett thought of applying to an old woman who had officiated as house-keeper for his family in his more prosperous days, and soon succeeded in finding her residence.

She wept in joy to see him. She informed him, that after his sudden flight, his poor broken-hearted wife came to her home, and was admitted to share its humble hospitality. It was soon found, however, that she had lost her reason, and means were taken to place her in the Lunatic Asylum. From this retreat she soon contrived to escape, and returned to her friend, the house-keeper. She conjured the familiar names of her husband and brother to her presence. She heard, or fancied she heard, that Everett had gone south, and she begged to be allowed to follow him. She talked so reasonably on the subject, that the good woman, in her simple-heartedness, really thought it proper for her to embark—both with the hope that the voyage might improve her health, and that she might meet her truant husband.

She accordingly scraped together her hard earnings for months—procured her a passage to New Orleans, for which she had given all the comforts in her power for the voyage.

The reader may readily suppose that the deranged lady on ship board was Lily Everett. The old woman, however, knew nothing of her fate, after the sailing of the Mary Kingsland from New York for New Orleans.

Fairfield and Everett now determined to sail south immediately. They took passage in the first packet—the breezes were prosperous, and in fifteen days, the vessel was lying in safety opposite the Lower Cotton Press of the Crescent city.

On landing, they determined to institute the most right search for the missing one, whose loss they grievously mourned. They visited the institutions and soon had the happiness to obtain a clue to the woman and her child.

She had been admitted into the French Asylum, and after a few months of medical treatment and kind attention, was finally allowed to depart from it—not, however, until a Mr. Raymond, who had known her husband in New York, had provided her a pleasant home in his own family, where she was regarded with esteem and friendship. This gentleman was a merchant, doing an excellent business in Camp street, and he then resided in a beautiful mansion in the vicinity of Carrollton. He cheerfully undertook to break to Everett's wife the joyful news of his return to her, accompanied by her long absent brother. The interview which then took place may be better imagined than described. There were tears of joy and embraces of holy affection. There was "bliss—exquisite bliss" in their meeting; and the withered roses of love were bedewed with the moisture of truth, and made to bloom again in perennial freshness.

CHAPTER XI.

THE PAST—THE PRESENT—AND THE FUTURE.

The parties alluded to in the preceding chapter, who were in the enjoyment of the utmost felicity of mortals, remained several weeks in New Orleans, and partook of the hospitality of the people, in its generous fullness and freedom. The summer now approached, and the season of pestilence and death was at hand, although

"Winter dallied in the lap of May."

Fairfield and Everett therefore deemed it most prudent to return to the north, inasmuch as the climate was likely to prove fatal to unacclimated persons.

Fairfield's mind, in his hours of contemplation and retirement from the gay scenes of the Queen City of the south, often reverted back to the days of his childhood, and he longed to comprehend some mystery connected with his fate. He sighed to behold the generous benefactor of his youth, who had provided for his wants and afforded the facilities for his education, and the means for his abundant prosperity.

He thought of his rural rambles while at college, and of the good old grandmother and her lonely grandchild. Where were they now? Did they live, and were the affections of the tender girl still unbestowed? Ah! he could hardly expect that. So fair a flower could not remain long unnoticed, and he doubted not her pure love was even at the moment he thought of her, shedding its genial influence over a heart worthy of her own. Yet there seemed a mysterious connection between his own and her fate, and something would whisper that her misfortunes were cherished for none other than himself. Oh that she knew his thoughts, that there could be no reality in so sweet a dream of bliss.

He thought of the elderly traveller, whose life, under Providence, he had assisted to save from the perils of the flood, but a few months before. Did he survive his bruises? did he accomplish his journey without further disasters?

These thoughts crowd d upon his mind, and made him the more anxious to set forward in pursuit of something which one heart prompted the wandering for its attainment and permanent peace. It was a lovely spirit, a kindly spirit watched over him, and was guiding his soul to the object it loved, unconscious, perhaps, that it sympathized itself with kindred soul even then grieving in unison with his own. It might have been love which prompted the yearnings of his heart, yet he knew of none that reciprocated the indefinable heaven-inspired sentiment.

Fairfield and Everett, with his wife and child at length were on board of a steamer, which dashed rapidly over the tinged waves of the Great Father of Waters. Cities and villages, and hamlets and dreary wastes were passed in rapid succession. The progress of civilization was noted along the borders of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers; the different degrees of refinement among the people were contrasted—and the contrast, plainly evidenced, between free and slave-holding and free States, recorded in the note book or on the tablet of memory.

The voyage, so to term it, was rapid yet tedious from its monotony. But time and distance give way before the power of steam. In a few days the passengers reached Wheeling—here they took the coaches, and in a comparative few hours, terminated their journey at Baltimore. Here Fairfield proposed to remain till he could settle some affairs connected with his mercantile operations while absent in Brazil.

CHAPTER XII.

MEETING OF FRIENDS.

While Fairfield sojourned in the monumental city, he contracted some acquaintances, who endeavored to prevail upon him to take up his residence and enter in business among them. Being pleased with the imposing appearance of the city, and admiring the general character of the people, he considered the suggestion, and consulting with Everett and his wife, who were willing to be guided by him in the choice of the place for their future home, he finally decided to settle in Baltimore.

With this view, the first purpose of Fairfield, was to purchase a dwelling for the mutual accommodation of Everett and himself. A favorable chance for a bargain soon presented itself. One day, while passing up Baltimore street, he noticed a fine house with a placard posted on its front, offering the property at Sheriff's sale. The house was still occupied. He stepped to the door and rang the bell, with a view to ask permission to inspect the premises. A colored servant promptly answered the door, and admitted him to the presence of his master.

How was Fairfield struck with surprise, when he recognized in the occupant of the mansion, his late travelling companion, the worthy Mr. Dalrymple.

"Dalrymple!" exclaimed Fairfield.

"Fairfield!" re-joined the old man, with equal surprise, and he rushed to grasp his young friend's hand.

"You are very welcome. I rejoice to see—how have you fared, my dear sir," continued Dalrymple with much warmth and enthusiasm.

"Thank you, very well, sir, indeed. Really I did not expect the gratification of this meeting," replied Fairfield, with equal fervor of feeling, as he continued to shake his friend's hand very heartily.

The two individuals were soon in familiar conversation, and a full hour passed away before they were aware of the rapid flight. The elder mentioned their first interview with each other in the coach from Harrisburg westward; the beautiful effect of the winter scenery, and finally the flood and the accident.

At the mention of this circumstance, the worthy man jumped from his seat and caught Fairfield's hand fervently.

"You saved my life, you did! I cannot think you enough for the kindness." A tear drop bubbled in his eye, and coursed down his cheek.

"I pray you, do not mention so trifling a service. I could not have done less than my duty, and be human. Do not notice it, sir."

"Well, well! God was indeed merciful," the old man uttered in reply—as full was his heart with gratitude for his preservation on that occasion.

Mr. Dalrymple had met with no further accident on the road to Cincinnati, for which city he journeyed a week after Fairfield's departure from him, on the place of the disaster.

Fairfield fairly forgot the object of his visit to Dalrymple's house, nor could his sense of delicacy have permitted him to have alluded to a subject which would likely have proved unpleasant to his feelings.

They parted, but not till the good old man had repeatedly and warmly invited Fairfield to come and dine with him on the following day—although he said he would have to apologize beforehand for the absence of any female company at the table—as his niece was out of town spending a visit near Ellicott's Mills.

Fairfield accepted the invitation, and was at Dalrymple's house in good time at the appointed occasion. The dinner was excellent, and the host was in fine spirits to preside over the entertainment. After the dinner was over and coffee had been served, he proposed to show Fairfield his library and the gardens. They passed into the open air. The walks and arbors were planned with exquisite taste. The shrubbery and fruit trees were of the choicest kinds; and there was no end to the variety of Floral glories.

From the garden they returned to the parlor. It was furnished neatly and richly. They passed through a suite of rooms and entered the library. It was the archive of the most valuable productions of art and genius. The books were examined, and then were inspected the statues, and the paintings which literally covered the walls of the rooms. All were finished specimens of the artist's skill.

Among others, Fairfield observed a portrait of a female, remarkable for the mildness of its countenance and lifelike appearance. He felt that he knew for whom the likeness was intended. It appeared so very familiar to his memory, yet he did not perceive how it were possible he could have known the original. For some moments with his eyes intensely fixed upon it. Its eyes beamed recognition, and its lips seemed, in his imagination, about to speak to him. A thrill indefinable reached his soul. Could it be? Impulsively he thrust his hand in his bosom and drew from thence a miniature likeness of his departed mother. He scanned both pictures minutely. They corresponded in every particular. The same radiant eyes, the same lips, the same color of hair, the same *tout ensemble*. They were surely two pictures of the same original; yet how could it be?

These thoughts and emotions passed over Fairfield on the instant—but his strange conduct had been noticed by Dalrymple, and he could not conceal his embarrassment from his friend, as he attempted to thrust the miniature hastily into his bosom. He, however, speedily rallied from his discomposure. He turned to Mr. Dalrymple—

"Pardon me, sir. May I ask the name of the original of that picture? Something tells me——"

"Tells you—what! Nonsense!" said Dalrymple, laughing. "What can you know about the picture? But you shall know all. There is a spice of romance about it. This way Fairfield!"—he continued. "Sit here by the window while I narrate its singular history."

CHAPTER XIII.

STORY OF THE PICTURE.

"It is a curious story," began Dalrymple, in a jocular vein, "and I must tell all about it. Well—you must know that the original of the picture, was once my sweetheart. I loved her, and I believe she loved me—at least she told me so, and I couldn't help believe it. But I was the son of a poor country clergyman—and who ever heard of a rich one!—it was as much as my father could do, to give myself and brother a tolerable education,—and to implant in our hearts religious and virtuous principles.

"When I came of age, I was placed in the counting-house of a merchant, first cousin to my father, a wealthy man of business. I fancied myself pretty smart—and as my looking glass told me that I was a handsome fellow, I made up my mind that I would be able to make the hearts of the girls flutter with my glib tongue and personal attractions.

"I became acquainted with Mary—no matter about her name. She was a glorious creature—young, amiable, and very accomplished. She was not insensible to my attentions, and I soon found myself over-reached in love. I told her what a miserable fellow I would be without her. She blushed first, and then laughed heartily at the idea. I asked her to be mine. She responded favorably—and I kissed the words from her lips. She added, however, 'You must ask my father first.'

"I lost no time in stating the case to the Major. The old curmudgeon grew wrathy, and said his daughter should not marry an upstart, and a beggar like myself. He was proud and rich, and avaricious withal, although generous enough if he happened to be in the mood. His language cut me keenly—my pride was wounded, and I sneaked out of his presence, and never entered his house again.

"I could not summon courage to see Mary, but I wrote a letter and explained all that had passed. I also informed her that I was going abroad to seek my fortune, as the phrase was—when I would return and carry her off, if her father remained opposed to our union.

"I was enthusiastic, and did not dream of the difficulties and trials I would have to undergo before I could acquire wealth. I had saved up a few hundred dollars, and I left my native town for a distant city. I commenced business in a small way, and prospered. I enlarged my operations and became a wholesale speculator. My success continued, and soon I began to grow comfortable and wealthy. All the while, I corresponded with Mary,—and the day was even appointed when I should return and claim her as my bride.

"Meanwhile, I received a letter from England, which advised me that an uncle, my father's brother, had deceased, and left me a rich inheritance, as the next heir at law—he being a bachelor, and my own father having died about a year before the present event. It was necessary that I should go abroad to possess my uncle's wealth. I informed Mary of the fact, and sailed for merrie England.'

"I was absent many months, and returned full of the brightest anticipations. But I was doomed to disappointment. My letters to Mary had been suppressed, and a report was started that I had perished at sea. The poor girl was induced to marry a doting young fellow, her father's choice. I did not blame her for it. She was, however, never happy with her husband. He was a spendthrift, and the led to profligate dissipation. He soon ran through with his own, and the estate of Mary's father, and rendered him desolate as himself. He finally quarrelled with his best friend, and was killed in a duel. His wife and several children, were left in penury and misery—and for a time, I lost all trace of their existence. Her father's property was sold for her husband's debts—and the old man died broken hearted. Among their things I purchased the portrait of Mary, which has so much interested your feelings. I prize it for the sake of her whom I only loved. I have remained a bachelor."

CHAPTER XIV.

THE DISCOVERY.

During the recital of the story, Fairfield was restless and troubled in spirit. He listened attentively to every word which fell from the lips of his aged friend. Strange sensations rushed through his bosom, and thrilled to his heart. He could contain himself no longer.

"And the lady's name was"—

"Mary Parker," broke in Dalrymple.

"Her husband,"—

"Robert Fairfield."

"Gracious heaven, it is! My mother—my mother," murmured Fairfield. Immediately checking his emotion, he inquired—

"Pray, what became of this widow?"

"Alas! she died a wretched death," rejoined the old man, as he dashed a tear with his finger from his eye.

"How—how know you that?" interrupted Fairfield, impatiently.

"I was present at the dying scene, and closed her eyes."

"The children—how fared they?"

"I had them provided for until they were able to take care of themselves."

"The funds placed in the bank for their benefit?"—

"The money was deposited by myself, in the name of Mordaunt."

The mystery was unravelled. Fairfield sprang to his feet—threw himself about the neck of Dalrymple, and exclaimed with warmth of feeling—

"My dear kind friend—my more than benefactor"—he could say no more. The fount of gratitude overflowed, and drowned the words he would have uttered.

The old man's heart also, could not contain its fullness. He pressed Fairfield to his bosom, and blubbered like a child. It was a kindly recognition which none but the purely benevolent of heart can fully appreciate. They hung in silence for some moments around each other's necks—and then re-embracing, they entered the sitting room, which overlooked the street.

CHAPTER XV.

FURTHER SURPRISES.

The gentlemen had scarcely seated themselves at the window, when a carriage rolled up in front of the house. A servant let down the steps, and a beautiful young woman tripped up the door steps and ran gaily into the room.

"My dear uncle," she exclaimed, as she bounded towards Mr. Dalrymple, who had risen to welcome her.

"Why, niece—your return is a little unexpected"—said he, giving her a kiss, with a hearty smack. Turning to Fairfield he added—"Fairfield, my niece, Susan, my young friend Fairfield.

The young woman shrank back a little, but in an instant rushed forward.

"Mr. Fairfield!"

"Susan Dalrymple, indeed! Really this is unexpected," rejoined Fairfield, surprised and confused.

The crimson which mounted to her cheeks, too plainly told that Susan was equally surprised and joyed in the meeting.

"Ah, ha! How is this? You've known each other before, hey!" said the old uncle, opening his eyes in seeming amazement.

"Oh yes, sir; I have enjoyed that happiness. It was——"

"I'll tell you all all about it, uncle," interrupted Susan, "some other time." She tripped out of the room, to arrange her dress in another apartment.

The student and cottage girl had again met, after the revolution of a number of long years. All the associations of their first meeting, came back in distinct and vivid coloring; and perhaps new visions of happiness flowed in the imagination of each. Fairfield was bewildered when he reflected upon the many singular events connected with his fate, which had transpired within the few months which had rolled away since his return from the Brazilian Empire.

CHAPTER XVI.

THE DENOUEMENT.

Little more need be said to complete this narrative. Fairfield was rejoiced to find that the heart and affections of Susan were not particularly engaged. Like himself, she had long realized the mysterious connection between kindred souls, but she could not define the least principle which joined them in one reciprocal union. Fairfield loved, and Susan reciprocated the sentiment. The vows of constancy were exchanged—and the wedding day came at last. The bridal party was large and brilliant, and all was joy and happiness. The good old dame Morrison, the mother of Susan's mother, participated in the delightful occasion. Everett adhered to his cold water pledge, and would not taste of the wine provided for the wedding. He retired, with his wife, to a house which he rented, near the mansion of Mr. Dalrymple. Fairfield and his wife took up this abode with the worthy old man, and uninterrupted enjoyment was the happiness of all.

The partire frequently speak of the events connected with their respective histories, and descant on the uses of adversity and prosperity as directed by Wisdom from above. The old uncle turns with delight to the passage in Scripture which enjoins benevolence and good deeds, and shows the reward, namely:—

"Cast thy bread upon the waters, and after many days thou shalt find it again!"

From the Magazines

FROM GRAHAM'S MAGAZINE, FOR MAY.

THE PILLOW OF ROSES.

BY MRS. ANN S. STEPHENS.

She was a queen—and in this thought dal yield
The rose-leaf softness of her lasting sway.
Guarded her heart as with a golden shield
Till love came sparkling in her life's full cup,
Which, like a brimming goblet rich with wine,
She dashed to stains on the world's broad shrine.

"Will you leave me thus?"

"I dare not stay longer," said the royal girl, to whom these words were spoken, lifting her finger toward the palace window, and moving forward; "see, the reception-room is already lighted—a few moments and I shall be summoned to join the queen. Do not attempt to detain me."

"One word," pleaded the deep, manly voice which had first spoken, and a cavalier followed her out from the shadow of a large tulip tree, beneath which they had been conversing, and his fine figure, richly array ed in a court dress, stood revealed in the moonlight; "give me but one word of hope, a single promise that you will struggle against the destiny which they are urging upon you?"

"Alas! what can I promise—what hope?" replied the young girl, folding her arms despondingly in the moonlight; "how can I, single handed, contend against their majesties of France? how break the plighted faith of my own kingdom—baffle the ambitious projects of my Uncle Guise—and, above all, wrong the heart of one who already looks upon me as his wife, and who loves me but too, too well?"

"But not as I love you, with this mighty strength of passion and judgment—not with his whole being, and with a sense that thrills every nerve as with strange music, and tinges each thought with a ray of your own young beauty. Ah, no! my sweet Mary, this dilettante dauphin never dreamed of the intense passion which swells through and floods me whole being. Nor do you love him, Mary. The queen might forget the dignity of mere station, even for a subject. But the woman who is regal of mind, and spiritual in nature, must look upward for the object of her love."

The young man unconsciously drew himself up as he spoke, and his eyes dashed proudly in the moonlight. And Queen Mary of Scotland—the poetry of her young being was all awake, her bosom heaved, she felt the light spring to her eye, and sparkle through the tears that chase there; a blissful sigh broke up from her heart, and, turning away her head, she murmured—

"Alas! it is all true. I cannot love the dauphin!"

"Do you love me!" said the young noble, taking both her hands in his, and bending his eyes pleadingly on her face. The proud fire had left them, and an expression was there, humble, but eloquent with tenderness. The question might have sounded strangely to the royal girl, but for this low and almost feminine tones in which it was spoken.

Mary felt the blood swell up to her cheek and brow, but her warm, true heart prompted the answer.

"As my own life!" she murmured, and with an impulse half shame, half tenderness, her face drooped forward, and rested on the hands which still clasped her own, and so near was it to the bosom of the impassioned suitor, that the prodigal curls which fell over it sunk in glossy masses on his embroidered vest. The noble disengaged his right hand, and drew her closer to him.

"Then shall we not be happy!" he questioned, in a voice that was low but rich with joyful feeling. "Let us leave this land, with its heartless court and hollow pomp. Believe me, this foreign match is hateful to the Scottish nation. There is not a true subject of your realm who would not fling up his cap in triumph, could he see his queen the bride of a true born Scot. The people of your realm feel that their sovereign is almost a foreigner in heart. Wed the dauphin, and the alienation which a residence here has created will be complete. They know that Mary Stuart will be more the subject of France than a Queen of Scotland—"

"Hark!" said the young queen, starting from the arm that circled her, and yet nestling close to his side, "did you hear a rustling sound!"

"It was but a nightingale trying his wing in the moonlight," replied the young man.

"Nay, there goes a shadow," exclaimed Mary, "yonder, behind the Queen's Walk. Heaven grant that no one has overheard us. Good night—nay, do not detain me another moment."

"It was but the shadow of a tree bough swayed by the wind," he answered; "dearest, we are alone."

But the terrified girl was not to be appeased. She trembled so violently, that his arm could scarcely support her.

"It was the queen—it was Catharine de Medicis," she said, "none else would be in that spot at such an hour."

"Nay, this is mere conjecture," said the youth, still attempting to reassure her, "and if it were so, you of it—see! there is the queen by her dressing-room window. Her hand has this moment hung back the drapery, and she seems to be looking forth on the moonlit garden."

Mary looked up and drew a deep breath, for she could not be mistaken in the person of Catharine de Medicis, who stood at a window opposite; the room was lighted brilliantly within, and a strong sunshine poured full upon the stately form and queenly figure to heave effect. She was forcing back the volumes of rich drapery that fell over the window with her right hand, and her head was turned, as if speaking to some one within the chamber. The light fell with a soft glow on her voluminous of purple velvet, and the rich

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OUR WEEKLY GOSSIP.

What is your opinion of things in general? is a question with which some wags delight to dumb founder any individual who feels it a duty to answer a question, whether he can or not. The answer to it now, is ready enough—for since the banks in particular, have resumed, "things in general" appear to be in a state of suspension. To begin with the weather—a topic seldom alluded to in colloquy—the clouds keep a quantity of rain in a continual state of suspension—except when they open and drench the earth, already like "a saturated sponge"—to say nothing of those bipeds who have lost their own umbrellas, and cannot find any person fool enough to do them the same good turn.

Politics are also in a state of suspension—including the Universal Yankee Nation, and Texas also. In the latter country, there seems some doubt whether Commodore Moore, Col. Warfield, or Samuel Houston is President regnant. Commodore Moore is fighting Campeachy on his own hook, Col. Warfield is cutting the throats of land travellers under the same direction, and both profess, and indeed, do hold Texan commissions. The possession of these parchments would not seem to include that of discretion, however. While Houston is busy at home, disowning the acts of these young gentlemen, he has also abundance to do with parties in Texas. One of these, with which Houston is said to be connected, seeks the alliance and support of England, on the condition of the abolition of slavery, and the pacification, on some terms, of Mexico. The other would keep things *in status*, and continue the war with Santa Ana. How we are to distinguish between truth and falsehood in the various rumors which reach us, or to measure the strength of the parties, is among suspended questions.

In our own country we are puzzled also. One account says that Mr. Webster has resigned—another that he has not; one says that Mr. Tyler has accepted Mr. Webster's resignation, and another that he will not let him go. It strikes us that there has been quite an unnecessary waste of words in this matter. The Secretary led the way in the mystification, by his speeches, and the newspapers have labored so hard to keep up the uncertainty as they would to excite interest in a "forthcoming work" of "immense interest," and so forth, and so forth. We shall soon, of course, be able to announce whether a successor to Mr. Webster is "only suspended in the premises" or more being quite of the "suspension" order. There is another matter which has just been opened, and sparkles like a bottle of Heidseck, with quite as much effervescence. Mr. Cushing is at the bottom of this "bubbledom." Mr. Everett, we know, has declined the mission to China. Mr. Cushing, it is said, has received the appointment; but there is an unlucky clause in the act which, were we Mr. Cushing (which (qu. who?) it is hardly necessary to remark we are not) would suspend our acceptance. It reads: "*And provided further*, That no agent shall be sent by virtue of this act, unless he shall be appointed by and with the advice and consent of the Senate." Now if Mr. Cushing means to pay his own salary and outfit, as Com. Jones is bound to pay for the Kingdom of Monterey, and the three spiked guns, it is all very well. Otherwise, *chacun se*.

Literary matters are also decidedly in the condition of Mahomet's coffin. If it were not that we are bound to express no confident opinion in this sense of sentences of doubtful suspension, we should cut decidedly in favor of an international copy-right law—not on the ground of the claim of foreign writers, but as a protection to American publishers. We do not hold or believe that any foreigner has a personal right to the proceeds or any part of them, of the sales of his works in this country; but we do believe, from the course that matters are taking, that publishers, and with them the public, have an interest in the establishment of some means by which the value of books can be secured to the printers; so that a publisher may have the power to secure to himself something like a return for the money he invests. In this view the matter is worth serious thought. At present certain works are selling at ruinous prices, and rival editions contend for cheapness. That a present good is obtained in the wide dissemination of knowledge is not to be disputed—but a wide dissemination of tares goes with the wheat. Nor, do we believe, were some enactment of this description passed, would the price of books be materially or unreasonably enhanced. The public would be sure of better editions of good books, and the booksellers could proceed with some feeling of security in their business. Every thing just now is in a state of uncertainty. With novels and that sort of reading in cheap form, the market is glutted, and the sales have fallen off at least seventy-five per cent. Something will happen by and by to settle this condition of uncertainty, and to cool the fused elements into some determinate shape or other. What it will be, is as yet impossible to predict—but every thing in literature is on the turning point. We may refer to this matter again.

In our foreign news will be found some interesting paragraphs from parliamentary speeches relative to this country. Lord Brougham, as our readers noticed last week, was particularly generous. It is said that the early Patron of the Penny Magazine, proposes a visit to this country; and furthermore, that he is talked of either as resident Minister, or as a special ambassador. This may be a key to his support of Ashburton. Undoubtedly, should he come he would be warmly—but, we trust not extravagantly welcomed.

A large portion of this day's paper is occupied with a notice of Mr. Gliddon's lectures. It is a subject which we have thought must be widely interesting; or so much pains would not have been taken to prepare the notice. Upon our outside will be found a conclusion of one tale and the commencement of another. The story commenced, "The Pillow of Rose," by Mrs. Ann S. Stephens, will be found one of the most deeply interesting stories which that lady has yet written, and the conclusion will be given in next week's paper. If there is less variety than is usual in this day's Post, it will not, we trust, be found inferior in interest to preceding numbers.

THE DAGUERROTYPE.

Mr. Simons, whose photogenic office is next door to our own establishment, in Chestnut St reet, has for some time, been considered one of the most successful operators with the Daguerreotype in this country. His portraits have all had a tone superior to that of others taken in the same way, a naturalness of expression which his compeers vainly endeavored to equal. He has recently, after many experiments, discovered a mode of coloring his portraits, which places them on an equality with the most finished works of the pencil, as pictures, and far above them as likenesses. His collection of specimens is worth examining. He has taken out a patent for his invention.

ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE MAYOR SCOTT.

The friends and immediate official attendants of our worthy Mayor, John M. Scott, Esq., were on Monday shocked by an attempt at his assassination; but as it proved abortive and as the intended victim providentially escaped, and without serious injury, the intelligence went forth to the public in a form less appalling than if the news of the shot had had the start of the failure. The Mayor was struck in the back with the ball from a small pocket pistol, which passed through his coat, and vest, but fortunately struck the leather of the suspenders where they were crossed, and glanced aside, without other injury to Mr. Scott than a severe bruise, though the shock somewhat staggered him at the moment. The assault took place in the Mayor's Office, and the man was instantly arrested by officer Young, who entered at the moment. No person was present at the time of the discharge of the pistol, except the assassin and the Mayor, whose back was turned upon him, he (the Mayor) being in the act of leaving the apartment. He made no resistance, and being unable to speak English, gave no explanation. Some powder and several balls were found upon his person; and he was committed to Moyamensing prison. We are happy to state that the Mayor has suffered but temporary inconvenience, and no danger; and that he is already able, after his truly providential escape, to resume his official duties. Such events as these try the public estimation of a man; and our worthy Mayor can hardly regret the event, in view of the gratifying expressions of sympathy in his behalf which this matter has called out.

The circumstances preceding this affair are as follows. It appears that the man, who claims to be a Roman by birth, and gives his name as Adolbert Benedicte Ptolemaic, called, about six months since at the Mayor's Office, representing himself as a destitute foreigner, and asked for assistance. Mr. Scott offered him money, but he declined receiving it, and seemed to insist upon Mr. S.'s furnishing him with a room and placing it at his disposal. He made several visits to the office for the same purpose, but always with the same result. At each visit, his inquiries were always for the Mayor, and he was invariably shown into the private office. He could not speak a word of English, making his wishes known to the officers by signs, and conversing with the Mayor in rather indifferent French. On Saturday afternoon, he again made his appearance, and asked the Mayor to procure him furnished apartments. Sympathizing with his distresses, Mr. Scott desired him to call again on Monday and he would try to do something for him.

On Monday he was admitted to the Mayor's private office, and preferred his usual petition for furnished apartments, which, it seems, he considered the Mayor in duty bound to afford him. This petition Mr. Scott informed him it was out of his power to comply with, but he offered to relieve his distresses by a pecuniary present. The stranger rejected this offer with indignation and at the same time used some indecorous remark, when Mr. Scott arose, took his hat, went to the door leading to the hall, and, addressing him in French, said, "now, sir, I must leave you." Upon opening the door, and as he was stepping out, he was approached by the man from behind, who drew a pocket pistol, loaded with a ball, and fired the contents at the back of the Mayor; with the result which we have already stated.

From the conduct of the prisoner, since his arrest, it would appear that he must be insane. He obstinately refuses to answer all questions relative to his views or motives, and preserved a haughty demeanor to all who approached him on Monday; and on Monday night, he made an attempt to commit suicide. He was discovered, on Tuesday morning, sitting up in one corner of his cell in a state of insensibility, with a black handkerchief around his neck, and weltering in his own blood. On examination, it was found that he had inflicted upon himself several deep cuts, two in his left arm and one on each knee, severing the tendon of the right foot. The instrument with which the wounds had been inflicted was found by his side, and it was the broken point of a small pen-knife blade, about an inch long. Around the thick part of the arm, above the elbow, a portion of the handkerchief was bound tightly, after the manner of binding the arm of a patient about to be bled, but the bandage did not answer the purpose intended, as none of the important veins were cut, the instrument being too short to enable the operator to effect this object. From the same cause also it was that no artery was injured. He had evidently attempted to destroy himself by hanging in the course of the night, and upon finding that he could not do so in that manner, he endeavored to effect his purpose by bleeding himself to death.

His coffin, his trunk of clothing in good order, his money, amounting to $[illegible], all his appointments, evident enough that that officer was bound to furnish him apartments to pursue his profession as a painter, all unite to show that he must be insane; and as such, should he survive the attempt upon his own life, he should be put in a place of security. At present, his condition is very low, from the loss of blood, and his case excites a great deal of sympathy. He was not restored even to partial consciousness until noon on Tuesday.

ARREST OF SHIPMAN.

Shipman, the absconding messenger has been arrested, and is perhaps, before this, on his way back. But the whole proceeding in relation to him was in all somewhat curious. He was pursued by J. O. Jones, Post-master at Terre Haute, Indiana, and two other gentlemen to Carlinsville, Illinois, and brought back to Terre Haute, where, at last accounts he appeared to be at large, and at liberty to return to New York, or take any other direction which might please him better. A letter has been received from him by his wife, and another by a friend of his in this city. One of his letters commences—"I am taken by two men of this place," (Terre Haute, Indiana.) He has proceeded on the idea that the persons who captured him took from him the package of money, and then returned him $250, in order to pay his way on to Philadelphia. He was waiting for the first steamboat. It would seem from his letter, that he was at large, and letters from other sources state that he was penitent, and anxious to explain the whole affair to his former friends, and especially to the parties injured. A letter from the Post master to Robert Johnston, Esq., of this city is as follows:

Terre Haute, In., April 28, 1843.

Dear Sir—On the 23d instant, in McCaughn County, Illinois, Jacob Shipman delivered into the possession of Thomas D. Brooks and myself a package of bank notes and drafts, amounting to five thousand three hundred and twenty-two dollars. Said package was opened by Mr. Shipman in our presence, and at our instance, and the contents found to correspond with the letter of advice enclosed. It was addressed by yourself to Messrs. Drew, Robinson & Co., New York. We followed Mr. Shipman from this place. We have had a very severe ride through the Illinois Prairies, and have incurred considerable expense, which we trust will be duly considered by you in the directions you may give us relative to the disposition of the aforesaid package. Mr. Shipman will return to your city by the first steamboat. He appears desirous of doing what he can to make amends for past errors.

According to the Terre Haute Courier of the 29th April, Shipman's notions of right and wrong must be very peculiar. He stated that he had made use of no money but that of the Bank, with which he had paid some debts—that he had done nothing wrong, and wished to return. The proceedings of the P. M. and his friends are also queer. Opening sealed packages is a step which does not entitle them to thanks, and the giving to Shipman of $250 is being very liberal with other men's money. Five thousand three hundred dollars only are accounted for at all, but of the loose funds in his charge, of which he was known to have $2500 in his possession, nothing is said.

Since the above was in type, we find the statement that Shipman arrived at Louisville on the 4th inst. He is, says the Louisville Journal, returning voluntarily, being unaccompanied by any officer, and entirely unrestrained in his movements. He gave up $19,000 in Terre Haute in various kinds of funds, for which he took a receipt.

LATE FROM RIO GRANDE.

Advices at New York to March 4th, state that Rio Grande was in a state of great excitement; the Rebels were every day expected to attack the city with a force of nearly fifty thousand men, nearly all mounted on horses. They were within thirty miles of Rio Grande when the La Grange left, and were making all despatch to reach that place. The Imperialists, however were well prepared to meet them. More than 60,000 troops had arrived on the 9th and 10th of February from different ports of Brazil. On the 12th, 8000 men arrived from Pernambuco and their whole force amounts to more than 45,000 men, who are posted about the town. The only advantage the Rebels have is their horses, with which they are well supplied. There had been no engagement between them lately. The officers of the Rebels were some of them in Rio Grande, watching the movements of the enemy; four of them had been taken prisoners on the 30th of January, tied to stakes, and there left to perish.

CALIFORNIA.

We begin to think that Commodore Jones was not so very far out of the way in taking possession of California, after all. The rumor of a declaration of war between the United States and Mexico must have been very widely circulated, and very generally believed in California. Probably it originated in Mexican Gasconade; and probably also, but for the movements of Commodore Jones in bringing matters to a crisis, Americans and American property might have suffered not a little on the coast, and in the Province.

What leads us to the opinion that the "rumors of war" must have been very prevalent, are the following facts; by which it would appear that a Yankee merchant ship also "conquered California." The Alert, Capt. Phelps, of Boston, was at anchor in the harbor of San Diego last October, and had nearly all her stores on board and every thing ready for taking in cargo, when intelligence was received of a declaration of war between the United States and Mexico, and of the capture of Monterey by Com. Jones, and that the soldiers from San Pedro (a place about three miles from San Diego) had received orders to proceed forthwith and capture the Alert.

On the 29th of October, the intelligence was confirmed by a party of hunters, (Americans) who came on board the Alert with all their property, seeking protection from the anticipated movements of the hostile troops. Capt. Phelps immediately took possession of the fort ashore, spiked the guns, and then got his stores on board and every thing ready for slipping his cables if necessary. The Alert had four six-pounders on board, which were brought to bear on the shore; and, as the vessel lay within pistol shot of the land, her guns fully commanded the beach. With a crew of sixteen men and boys, half a dozen hunters, (excellent riflemen,) and plenty of arms and ammunition, Capt. Phelps determined not to slip his cables or abandon his cargo on shore without burning a little gunpowder.

The Mexicans wisely kept out of the way while these pugnacious preparations stared them in the face. On the 1st of November, the official intelligence of the evacuation of Monterey was received, and, as a matter of course, Capt. Phelps ceased warlike operations, and commenced putting his ship in order for taking in cargo. Such a man may safely be pronounced "one hand."

CURIOUS STORY.

The following appears in the New Orleans Bee. It is well understood that President Houston and Gen. Santa Ana are laboring to bring about an understanding between Texas and Mexico, with which endeavors the expeditions by land into the Mexican territory, as well as the movements of Com. Moore by water, interfere. If Com. Moore has gone to Campeachy, as he announced his intention to do, it is in direct opposition to the commands, as well as the wishes of his government; and if he has also taken the liberty of hanging one or two of his crew, without the approval of the proper department, his case will not be mended thereby. Altogether, his proceedings seem more like those of an absolute monarch, than those of a subordinate officer in a republic.

"We learn from our private correspondence, that the Commissioners of Texas, who arrived in New Orleans a few days before the sailing of the Texian fleet, had instructions from President Houston to demand the vessels of war from Com. Moore and to apply to the United States authorities to aid in taking possession of them in case the Commodore refused to surrender them. They had likewise a proclamation from President Houston, denouncing the Commodore as *piratical*, and authorizing the government, in the event the vessels could not be taken, Com. Moore, we are informed, intimated to the Commissioners that he would proceed to Galveston, and have a talk with the President upon the matter, which induced them to keep quiet until he got ready to go to sea. One of the Commissioners went on board the Austin, with the Commodore, thinking to have a pleasant trip to Galveston in a Government vessel; but we learn, through a gentleman who also set out in the Austin for Texas on a matter of business, that the Commodore informed him at the Balize that if he was anxious to get to Texas soon, he had better get on shore as he did not expect to get there himself in a hurry. The gentleman left the Austin and left the ship—the Commissioner is in all probability at this time in Campeachy. The Commodore apologized to the gentleman for not having informed him at New Orleans that he did not purpose going to Texas, saying that it would not have been prudent for him to have disclosed his destination at an earlier period.

We learn also, that the last packet carried out an official notification to Judge Eve (our Charge in Texas) *of his recall*, and the appointment of Wm S. Murphy in his place.

ANNIVERSARIES.

The Protestant Episcopal Convention of this diocese meets on Tuesday next in St. Andrew's church. On Monday the annual Sunday School celebration takes place, in the schools connected with this denomination.

The Religious Anniversaries are now in progress in New York. They commenced on Sunday evening with the New York City Bible Society. The receipts of the society during the year have been a little less than $7000, and its expenditures about the same. (Any surplus which may exist is regularly paid over to the American Bible Society.) It has distributed during the year about 10,000 volumes to seamen, immigrants, humane and criminal institutions, as well as the destitute generally.

On Monday the annual meeting of the Seamen's Friend Society took place. Addresses were delivered by Rev. S. Holmes, of New Bedford, Mr. Welch, a sailor, and others. The expenditures of the society for the year have been $13,785—about $800 more than the receipts.

On Tuesday the anniversary meetings of the Foreign Evangelical Society; the American Sunday School Union, and other societies were held. The Evangelical Society have expended about ten thousand dollars and still have a balance of about $800 in the treasury. Rev. Robert Baird, read the report of the committee. It was a very long, able and elaborate report, setting forth at length and with great force the purposes of the society, its progress thus far towards their attainment, and the grounds it has to expect increased success for the future.

At the meeting of the Sunday School Union, we notice among the speakers, Dr. Peck, of Illinois, Dr. Lewis, Mr. Hague, of Boston, and Dr. Tyng, of this city. Dr. T. addressed the children in the morning, and also made a speech at the evening session, which is characterized as an animated and effective address, exhibiting the moral character and responsibilities of our age, and the urgent necessity of faithfulness and energy on the part of the believers in Orthodox Christianity.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

We are pained to announce another terrible Railroad accident in New England. On Friday morning of last week, the train on the Charlestown Branch Railroad was passing the bridge in front of the State Prison at Boston, the engine was thrown off by the loosening of a rail, and the passenger car precipitated into the mud and water below, a distance of 15 feet. The Transcript says that there were from 15 to 20 passengers in the car, including several ladies, of which number the following were injured: Mr. Samuel H. Brown, Ipswich, killed; Miss Rebecca Hill, West Cambridge, collar broken and ankle fractured; Mr. Taylor, engineer, of Worcester, slightly injured; J. M. Glidden, Elen Baker and J. M. Harris, slightly injured; D. Chambers, conductor, badly injured—back broken. There were several other persons injured more or less, but, in the confusion, their names could not be ascertained. Many escaped as by a miracle. The chain broke, and the baggage car was prevented from going over, which fortunately saved many who would otherwise have been instantly killed. It was also fortunate that the tide was low, which prevented them from being drowned. The Post of Saturday states that Mr. David Hosmer of Acton, a laborer, died in the afternoon, and that Mr. Chambers was not expected to live.

EXPERT NAVIGATORS.

The Boston Bee relates an instance of the exactness with which nautical reckonings may be kept, which is highly honorable to the parties concerned. The ship Caroline, Fabens, from Canton, and the ship Alert, Phelps, from San Diego, California, both arrived at that port on Thursday evening—the one from the far East, the other from the far West. They both sailed on the same day, Dec. 20th, and spoke each other twenty-one days before entering Boston, and on inquiring the longitude of each other, the one gave 61 15; the other 61 16; an instance of agreement in dead reckoning, after so long a voyage, seldom known among nautical men. The respective passages were performed in one hundred and twenty five days.

INTERESTING OCCASION.

The Massachusetts Historical Society will celebrate the second centennial anniversary of the New England Colonies, on the 29th of May. The members of the New York Historical Society will be present. The celebration will take place at Boston, and a discourse will be delivered by the Hon. John Quincy Adams. Such a subject in such a man's hands, will not only be deeply interesting, but furnish material for future historians.

ORGANIZED BANDITS.

Rumors have been prevalent that an organized party of banditti had started from the Western States to intercept the Santa Fe traders, under the command of one Warfield, who holds a Texan commission, which will not save him if he thus prostituted it, to the purposes of murder and robbery. One of his gang has been arrested at Independence, Mo., and confesses the murder of a Spaniard named Chavvis, who was on his way for Independence from Santa Fe. The booty obtained was about $25,000 in specie. Such horrible business as this must not be permitted under any pretext, Mexican or Texan. Mason has given up the names of some accomplices, who will consult their own safety by not returning to the United States. They are McDaniels, of Clay county, two men named Searcy, and one named Harris, residence not known, and Dr. Prefontaine, of Westport, Mo. These men were part of a company of fifteen or twenty men which left Independence under the command of McDaniel about the 1st ult., for the Arkansas, to join Col. Warfield. Col. W. was, when Mason left, at the little Arkansas, with 45 men, waiting to intercept a party of traders who were expected to leave Santa Fe about the first inst.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

We have, from the West, the particulars of another terrible steamboat accident. The Pittsburg Chronicle states that on Friday night of last week, the steamboat Forester, while lying to, to put a passenger ashore, about twenty miles up the Allegheny, was run into by the Pulaski, the bow of the Forester striking the Pulaski opposite her boilers, which were thrown down by the concussion, and the steam pipes were separated. The steam rushed among the passengers, and scalded some of them in a shocking manner. The names of the sufferers are as follows: Wm. Coon, of Erie county, New York, very badly scalded; Michael Hawkins, steward of the Pulaski, very badly scalded. These two are the worst injured, but will probably recover. Sheridan McCullough, of Redbank, Jefferson county, Pa., had his arms and face badly scalded. James Gibson, of Oil Creek Township, Crawford county, Pa., do. A man named Wing, slightly scalded. From the statement of those on board the Forester, it would seem that five or six persons were knocked overboard and drowned, several others swam ashore. Every attention was paid to the injured persons at Pittsburg.

THE COMET.

This phenomenon, which so much occupied the attention of star gazers among us, seems to have created a sensation wherever it was visible. A letter from Constantinople, under date of March 30, says:—"The comet continues to occupy the attention of the public. The Turks are for the most part convinced that its appearance is one of the signs, forerunners, of the last day, and that it otherwise predicts fearful misfortunes. The phenomenon, which is gradually becoming more faint, has carried off all the caloric from those parts. The weather has been colder since its appearance, than at any other period of the winter. The thermometer has fallen at night as low as twenty-five deg. Fahrenheit, and the mountains on the Asiatic coast, bordering the Propontes, have been covered with snow. The Malta Times, states that on the 17th of March, the inhabitants of that island were both surprised and in some instances alarmed by the appearance.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

A letter to the Boston Times, dated at Stratford, N. H., states that while the frolicy of a new meeting house in that town was in course of erection, on the 3d instant, a terrible accident took place. The timber being piled up almost directly over one of the beams, the support underneath gave way, which caused the beam to break, and precipitated about 20 men with the falling timbers a distance of about 25 feet, among the rocks and timbers beneath. Several of the persons were taken out, mangled and injured in the most shocking manner; two or three of whom were considered in a dangerous situation by the Physician then present. One of the number, Mr. Timothy G. Langley was entirely senseless for several hours. It is hoped, however, that all may recover.

TRADE OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

In a report made by Mr. Barrow of Louisiana, in the Senate of the United States, some extraordinary facts are stated in reference to the Great Valley of the Mississippi. This region comprises nine States and two Territories, with a population of nearly seven millions. In 1842, there were 450 steamers running upon the Mississippi, and about 4000 flat boats. The value of the downward trade to New Orleans is estimated at $120,000,000 annually—the upward trade at $100,000,000; the whole trade to the enormous amount of *two hundred and twenty millions* of dollars per annum—only about thirty millions less than the entire value of the foreign trade of the United States, exports and imports, in 1841.

TEXAS AND MEXICO.

It is stated in the New Orleans papers, on the authority of recent advices from Mexico, that the governments of the United States, of England and of France have joined in remonstrating against the predatory war carried on by Mexico against Texas. The instructions of the United States Secretary of State to General Thompson, our Minister at Mexico, are quite explicit in declaring the war, as conducted by Mexico, to be contrary to the laws of nations. Mr. Webster asserts the undoubted right of Mexico to reubjugate Texas, if she can, by the common and lawful means of war, but that other nations are interested, more particularly the United States, in the manner in which the war shall be conducted.

THE BANKRUPT LAW.

Judge Catron, of St. Louis, recently delivered a decision, confirming the constitutionality of the Bankrupt Law, and reversing the decision of Judge Wells in the District Court, in the particular case upon which an appeal was taken—a decision which, it is understood, will control the action of Judge Wells in respect to all other cases which have been brought before him. On the other hand, Judge Douglass of the Circuit Court at Quincy, Ill., decided at its recent session that the late General Bankrupt Law was unconstitutional, and that, therefore, a discharge under it was of no effect as to creditors.

WISCONSIN MARBLE.

The Milwaukie Courant celebrates a vein of marble found in the county, in Illinois, in which the town is situated. It is said to exist in inexhaustible quantities, and in layers of from two to six inches in thickness. The color is a light gray with darker colors in irregular spots, but there is no little difference in the color that at a distance it appears uniform. In hardness and firmness of texture, and consequently in durability, the Milwaukie marble exceeds most of the other marble of this country. It is capable of receiving a high polish, and its appearance is clear, uniform, and beautiful.

TREASURY NOTES.

Our readers will recollect that last week we spoke of certain Treasury Notes, said to have been cancelled at New Orleans, and put in the Post Office for Washington, but which have, nevertheless, never reached the latter city, and have found their way into circulation. It is now ascertained that these notes never reached the Post Office—and that if they were really cancelled, as is avowed under oath, some exceedingly ingenious process of erasure must have been discovered. The notes are, so far as they have been seen, as good as new! The villainy was in the New Orleans Custom House.

GEOLOGY.

The Association of American Geologists closed its session at Albany on Tuesday evening, to meet at Washington in May of next year. A number of highly interesting and valuable papers were read during the session, including one which is spoken of as peculiarly meritorious, by Professor Rogers, the President, on the subject of earthquakes, illustrated by a very large diagram. Previous to adjournment, Dr. Locke, of Cincinnati, was chosen the next President of the Association, and Dr. David Dale Owen, of Indiana, Secretary.

AMERICAN CALICOES.

The New York Tribune estimates the quantity of calicoes printed annually in this country at over three millions of yards per week. The same paper states that no less than 20,000 packages of various domestic cotton goods have been sold within a few days for export to China, and a considerable quantity have been shipped to England.

THE WHEAT CROP.

The papers from many sections speak in the same tone as the Ohio Statesman, which says: The wheat crookers are entirely used up. The last few weeks present quite a new feature, and now the word is that we never had a prospect of a finer crop in Ohio. A full crop of wheat this year will bring Ohio out.

A MISTAKE.

Two men were last week arrested in New Jersey, on suspicion of having been concerned in the late murders in New Jersey. The newspapers quite confidently pronounced them guilty, but sufficient proof did not appear upon examination to detain them.

FROM BERMUDAS.

The St. Christopher Gazette of March 9th states that the yellow fever has lately been making sad ravages among the troops, a detachment of the 47th regiment, which recently arrived at the island. Their commanding officer, Major Gordon, has fallen a victim to this fatal disease. The men have been removed from the garrison of Brimstone Hill to the plain below, and placed under tents.

SOMEWHAT OF A DIFFERENCE.

Pennsylvania State Stocks are now selling at 45 a 50 per cent. of their par value. In New York, bids for a State loan of $300,000, were opened at Albany on the 5th inst. The whole loan was taken by the Bank of New York, at an average of a fraction over six and a half per cent. premium for a six per cent. stock redeemable after 1860.

LECTURE BY MR. LEVIN.

We see it announced that on Thursday evening next, the 18th, Mr. Levin, well known as a temperance lecturer, is to deliver a lecture on *Love*, in Rev. Mr. Chambers' Church, in Broad street. How he will treat a subject so interesting, remains to be seen; but all his friends confidently expect something new and original.

VIRGINIA ELECTION.

We forbear to give any more returns from the Virginia Election, as Monday last was the day appointed when the official returns of the recent elections in Virginia were to be made. In a day or two, therefore, they will transpire.

VERY GOOD.

The following toast, given at a Firemen's Temperance Supper in Boston, is too good to be lost:

By Rev. Edwin Thompson, of Dedham. **The Firemen**, when they do their duty, every one is well pleased, except the fire—that is *put out*.

DEACON GILE'S DISTILLERY.

This famous place in Salem, Mass., out of which grew the libel suit against Mr. Cheever some twelve years ago, was used last week for the purpose of holding a temperance meeting.

RELIEF NOTES.

According to the requirements of a law passed at the last session of our State Legislature, the State Treasurer cancelled, on the 29th of April, $50,000 of relief notes.

Popular Lectures.

LECTURES OF EGYPT.

Mr. Gliddon's course of lectures on Ancient Egypt has drawn on each successive evening an attentive and intellectual auditory, in numbers increasing as the course proceeded. By aid of diagrams and copies of ancient tablets, inscriptions, and pictures, he makes the process of interpreting hieroglyphics intelligible; or rather we should say he gives a general idea of the mode which has been pursued, to obtain the great results which have followed the investigations of Champollion and his school. The idea obtained by the hearer is, of course, more or less definite according to his habits of thought, and of analysis. These diagrams, &c., with which the hall is liberally decorated, form in themselves no small or uninteresting gallery; and the wonder of the hearer is increased, when he is assured that the brilliant colors of these pictures, taken from monuments and tombs over thirty centuries old, are even more brilliant than the copies. These copies most of which are coloured, as the originals are usually much larger than life, were principally executed by our fellow citizen, Russell Smith, and must have required a great deal of skill and labor; for, be it remembered, there is not an arbitrary line, or a hap-hazard shade of coloring in them. All the features of the designs are exact imitations of the models. All the work was, of course, done under the direction of Mr. Gliddon; and not a few of the pictures exhibited in the hall are copies from Mr. Gliddon's copies made in Egypt. A part of Mr. Gliddon's illustrations consist of skeleton hieroglyphics, which he draws with chalk upon a black board, with as much rapidity and facility as a geometrician can draw problems in the same manner.

The second lecture, on Thursday evening last, commenced upon the 17th and 18th dynasties of Thebes (Egyptian) Kings, and several other congenial subjects and events in the ancient history of the land of the Nile—illustrating the whole by the paintings, sculptures, and hieroglyphics from the tombs and other monuments of Old Egypt. Among these, a superb painting of Pharaoh in his chariot, attracted admiration. It is really gorgeous, and supposed to be the Pharaoh (Sesostris, Ramses III.,) who flourished at or about the time of the Israelites passing through the Red Sea. The painting discovered near Thebes, of a number of persons, apparently captives, making bricks, and under the direction of Egyptian overseers, was enlarged upon, in consequence of its having been supposed by many that these operatives were Hebrews; but Mr. G. showed the improbability of the Hebrews having been so employed in *Upper Egypt*; besides which, their countenances and absence of beard, seemed to prove that they were not of the Jewish nation. The fact was—it was believed to be a tomb of a private individual at Thebes, who was an architect, and who thus exhibited the arts of his profession on the walls of his sepulchral chamber. Indeed, the hieroglyphics stated that these bricks are made for a building at Thebes—a Temple." But if it were not probable that the children of Israel were brought 500 miles up the river, from Goshen to Thebes, to make bricks—it was probable, that they were scattered abroad, to collect stubble to make bricks, in the part of Egypt they inhabited; and the fact that captives and strangers were so employed, inferred also that the Jews likewise made bricks. The persons represented as brick making, probably belonged to Arabia.

In connexion with this subject, the Lecturer pointed to a painting exhibiting the heads of people of forty different nations, as found in the tombs. The heads of the bricklayers, corresponded with one of these, but that one is not the head usually supposed to represent the Hebrew. In a latter part of the lecture, it was shown that none of the hieroglyphics recorded the event of any Pharaoh having been drowned in the Red Sea. Indeed, it was not reasonable or necessary to suppose that Pharaoh himself died thus. His death was not essential to the defeat of his army—yet he and his host were defeated and overthrown—his host drowned in the Red Sea, (Exodus xiv. 18, &c.)—that is, Egypt was not lost, but only an army. If, however, these events were not related in the hieroglyphics—neither were they contradicted; and the authority for them was to be found in the only and best book that could be consulted—the Bible. Mr. G. observed that it should be borne in mind that in his lectures, he gave the history of Ancient Egypt—that if that history was silent in relation to the events he had referred to, also were the Hebrew annals silent as to most of the events that were peculiarly Egyptian—showing that for Egyptian history, the hieroglyphics, monuments and records of that ancient people should be studied—and for Hebrew history, the annals of the Jews—the Sacred Volume. It is to be remembered that the events commemorated on the Egyptian monuments, or tombs, are those of great national importance—and such, also, principally as refer to the doings of the native, not the Hykshos, or Shepherd Dynasty who were invaders.

In the last number of this paper, it will be recollected that we briefly stated that the history of Joseph, and of the descendants of himself and brethren, belongs to a part of the History of Egypt when there were two dynasties, the Hykshos, or foreign conqueror, and the Theban or native kings. Joseph lived in that part of Egypt held by the Hykshos, or Shepherds, who had a sympathy for the children of Abraham, as of a like stock with themselves. The Egyptians proper after about three hundred years, attacked, vanquished, and drove out the invaders—their people returned to their once loved home—Thebaïs were rebuilt—Thebes again stood forth in renewed splendor, and the valley of the Nile once more smiled on the children of Ham. These events were sufficiently commemorated on the monuments. Thus it was, that "a king arose who knew not Joseph." If the habits of the Jews as wandering Shepherds were agreeable to the Hykshos, they were not to the more refined Egyptians proper; and hence we find the Jews compelled to make bricks and *find their own straw*. The purpose of this requirement might have been, and probably was, to compel the Jews to agriculture in some sort to provide this material. Providence works through means and agents, and it does not interfere at all with the declared will of Heaven, that Pharoah should persecute the children of Israel, if we find that Heaven also provided Pharoah with a motive and incentive to that persecution. It was Pharoah's wish that the children of Israel should by settling and becoming agricultural, assimilate to the Egyptians, and become blended with them. It was the decree of Providence that the two races should be kept distinct; and therefore the Israelites resisted all these efforts of Pharoah, and preserved the nomade or wandering habits which they carried into the desert.

Thus, it appears that the general history of Egypt during the time of Joseph and his immediate direct and relative descendants, as shown by the hieroglyphs, proves and explains the Mosaic account; sometimes directly, and through the whole incidentally. It may interfere with our present Bible chronology; but as the different received interpretations vary over a thousand years, the discovery of these Egyptian proofs will be of immense advantage. And the absence of hieroglyphic pertinent directly to the children of Israel does not in the least militate against the Bible account. As before remarked, that the Egyptian monuments celebrate *Egyptian* not Jewish History; the Hykshos rather obliterated and destroyed records than made them; the true Egyptians might have done the same thing to the monuments of their invaders; and the Egyptians proper had nothing to commemorate relative to the children of Israel, except their own defeat in the pursuit of them. As this is an important point, we will elaborate it a little, rather following the general ideas if Mr. Gliddon, and drawing also from other sources, than reporting a particular lecture.

In the first place then, the only way in which the Hykshos, had they so chosen, would have commemorated the viziership, or premiership of Joseph would have been upon his tomb—but Joseph was not buried in Egypt. His body was embalmed for removal to the promised land. And if on the tomb of the usurper Pharaoh who "knew Joseph" could that tomb be found, there were originally placed any record of the events of Joseph's reign, they would have probably been obliterated by the true Pharaohs, as we know has been done in other instances. In the next place the Egyptians proper, in commemorating the expulsion of the Hykshos, *have no items on the tablets and no characters which represent Jews*. This is an important fact, as it coincides with the Scripture that they were permitted to remain. The continuance of the Jews in Egypt was not a matter of consequence enough to Egypt, to be recorded in the Egyptian hieroglyphic annals. Had they been seized and brought back, when attempting (as they did not) to go out with the Hykshos, their capture would have figured on some king's tomb, or had they been seized and brought back at the time of their Exodus, that would have been recorded. As we know that no such event happened, and as the Egyptians would not have recorded their own defeat, the absence of all allusion to the Jews in the early part of their history; *confirms* the Mosaic account, instead of throwing a shade of doubt upon it.

In Mr. Gliddon's third lecture, while commenting on the restored native Egyptian dynasty, after the expulsion of the "Shepherd Kings," Mr. G. drew attention to a number of portraits of Queens and Kings—colored as brightly as if painted but a few hours. He then, on the best authorities, unrolled the Sphinx, which in its three forms, represented the union of mental or godlike power, with physical, the head of *man* (not of the woman as has been erroneously supposed,) representing the first, and the body of the lion, representing the latter attitude. He alluded to other such fanciful or mythic combinations, which we have not time to trace. In relation to the features of the Sphinx, Mr. G. contends that the features were not those of the negro, but of the Nilotic Egyptian; and

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The Bishops of New York, of New Jersey, and of North Carolina also recommend these Sermons in the highest terms, and from the latter, as pertinent to our purpose, we extract a sentence. "While they are free from those extravagances of opinion usually ascribed to the author of the 90th Tract, they assert in the strongest manner the true doctrines of the Reformation in England, and enforce with peculiar solemnity and effect that holiness of life, with the means thereto, so characteristic of the Fathers of that trying age." We feel we need no part of all conversant with the "Oxford Controversy," to what school the writer of these sermons belongs. To whatever school, however, the reader of the sermons may profess adherence, we do not conceive it possible that, possessing any appreciation of the importance of the subject, any sympathy with the piety of the author, or even any mere literary taste for eloquent, simple and earnest English, he can read the sermons without endorsing the opinion of Bishop Whittingham. It is not for laymen, in their public capacity as editors of a secular paper, to meet points of theological controversy, nor have we the ability or inclination so to do. But could we read a homily to the controversialists, we would point them as to one instance of the evil tendency of disputes on lesser points, to this very publication. These sermons must eventually be received and quoted as among the standard theological writings of this century; and that too within the time of this generation. But the author, meanwhile, is as a controversialist considered the organ of a party in the church—an objection very slightly if at all sustained by the sermons themselves—how slightly the reader may judge for himself by a perusal which will amply reward him. So far as our own examination has gone, we are free to say that we have never before met a collection of sermons containing so much, to which not only all shades of belief in the Episcopal Church, but true Christians of all denominations may unite.

THE BIBLICAL CABINET. *Philadelphia: J. M. Campbell & Co. No. 1. Neander.*—The Biblical Cabinet is a periodical which has been before noticed and advertised in this paper. It is to contain valuable and costly treatises on theological subjects, and will differ from the Library of Religious Literature in being confined to works of a more strictly theological character. The first work commenced "Neander's History of the Christian Religion," which will be completed in five numbers. This selection is, so far as this work is concerned, a fulfilment of the promise and plan of the periodical. Neander has never been re-published in this country. The translation is that of Rose.

SIR EDWARD SEAWARD'S NARRATIVE OF HIS SHIPWRECK, &c. *Edited by Miss Jane Porter. Abridged and Revised. New York: Harper & Brothers. Philadelphia: Perkins & Purves.*—If there be any of our readers who never heard of or read this book, we commend him at once to ask his mother about it. It had a run before this generation of readers came forward, and was admired and read by every body then. It will be read by every body now; and whatever occupies our place at the editorial table of the Saturday Post at the end of a "book's age" interval, will notice it again, in a new edition.

THE SCHOOL GIRL IN FRANCE. *Philadelphia: Herman Hooker.*—This is a well written little book, the object of which is to show that children should not be sent for education into a country, the dominant religion of which parents do not wish them to imbibe; a leading argument being that whether an attempt to proselyte is made or not, surrounding influences will have that tendency.

THE BROTHER JONATHAN appeared last week under the editorial charge of John Neal, G. M. Snow, and Edward Stephens. Of Mr. Neal's standing it is unnecessary to say a word. The other two gentlemen are men of experience in the vocation they appear in. "Jonathan Stick" is to be a regular correspondent, and the paper under all these advantages presents a capital front.

MRS. ELLIS'S WORKS. *Philadelphia: G. S. Appleton.*—The Women of England, the Daughters of England, and the Wives of England, have been published by the Appletons, each volume in two cheap forms. Another edition in better binding, may be had at the same place, uniform with the first editions of these charming works, and also at a reduced price.

THE YOUNG HUSBAND'S BOOK. *Philadelphia: J. R. Colon.*—This is a new and cheap edition of a work by the author of the Young Wife's Book, recently noticed by us. As husbands and wives go in couples, so ought these to go—and if any "Young Wife" has been presented with the appropriate volume for her sex, here is a chance to return the compliment.

THE DAUGHTERS OF ENGLAND. *By Mrs. Ellis. Philadelphia: W. H. Graham.*—The publication of the Wives of England has created a new demand for the works of this gifted writer; and Mr. Graham has just received a new supply of the work at the head of this paragraph, uniform with the Wives of England. We like to see such works "have a run."

THE PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER. *Zieber & Co.—W. H. Graham.*—This is another Boston translation of a work by Frederika Bremer. It has the same touching simplicity and naturalness which characterizes the "Neighbors" and the "H.——Family," by the same author.

FARMERS' ENCYCLOPEDIA. *Philadelphia: Carey & Hart.*—No. 6 of this valuable publication has a plate containing a representation of Canary Corn, two varieties of Rice Plant, the Indigo Plant, the Sugar Cane, and five descriptions of the Tobacco Plant. It is a most excellent work, and should be subscribed for by every farmer in our land.

FAMILY SECRETS. *A Series of Temperance Tales. By Mrs. Ellis, Author of the Wives of England. Philadelphia: Lea & Blanchard.*—This is a new, cheap and very neat edition of a work published by this house some time ago.

General News.

☞ The London Roman Catholic Emigration Society are about completing their arrangements for extensive emigration to this country. A clergyman is to attend each of the emigrating parties, who are to be settled in a body in some section of the country—we presume the west. The project is said to meet with the approval of the leading Roman Catholic Clergy of Ireland. Mr. Charles Mathew, brother of the Temperance reformer, is to act as agent for selecting localities, &c.

LAKE ERIE STEAMERS.—The New York Tribune says there are about sixty steamers in commission on Lake Erie, with the aggregate tonnage of 17,000 tons. The first steamer was launched twenty-five years ago—the Walk in the Water. Since then about 110 boats have been on the Lake, with an aggregate tonnage of 27,000 tons. During this time there have been four explosions, with the loss of 39 lives, and four boats burnt with the loss of 310 lives.

THE SAILORS of New York, last week struck for two dollars additional wages per month. The shipmasters, it seems, have acceded to the justice of the demand, and granted the required increase. The merchantmen are now paying $13 a month for crews to South America, and $15 for Atlantic service. Seamen in the U. S. service, who do not draw their grog rations, now receive $16 80 per month—grog drinkers, $15.

THE GOVERNOR of MARYLAND has refused, for the present, to comply with the requisition of the Governor of Ohio for Adam Horn. He will first undergo a trial in Maryland for the murder of his wife, Malinda Horn, and in case of a failure to convict him there of the crime laid to his charge, he will be delivered up to the authorities of Ohio, for a trial there on a charge of having murdered his first wife.

OUTRAGEOUS CONDUCT.—We learn, by the Carlisle papers, that a number of students at Dickinson College amused themselves on Monday week by hissing and shouting at the Volunteer Companies then on parade. One of the soldiers put a stop to their fun by firing a ball cartridge amongst them, which luckily did not hit any of them. The affair is to be investigated.

☞ The Philadelphia and Reading Rail Road Company has under contract the laying of a second track between Reading and Pottstown, and will urge the completion of the work with due diligence. This road is one of the best in the Union, and as the trade upon it must necessarily be immense, its stockholders cannot fail ultimately to realize a rich profit on their investments.

A WHOLE RAFT.—As a specimen of the manner in which folks move in the West, the Pittsburg Chronicle of the 6th inst., gives the following:—"A raft passed down the Allegheny river yesterday, very thickly populated. We counted thirteen women, eight men, sixteen children, five horses, three dogs, and four frame shantees." A perfect *raft*, and no joke.

NORTH EASTERN BOUNDARY.—Among the passengers in the steamer Hibernia, at Boston, from Liverpool, are Captains Broughton and Robinson, and Lieut. Ripon, of the British army, who, in connexion with a deputation of American engineers are to lay down and mark the boundary line between Maine and New Brunswick, according to the recent treaty.

CONVICTION OF A MAIL ROBBER.—John S. Cone, charged with stealing bank notes out of a letter while carrying the mail, about six years ago, and who broke jail some time since, was tried at Charleston on Tuesday week, in the District Court of the United States, his Honor Judge Gilchrist, presiding, found guilty and sentenced to ten years imprisonment.

SENECA LAKE, in New York, is about one hundred and eighty miles from the western border of the State. The region between it and the border is almost equal to the whole State of Massachusetts. The man who sowed the first wheat in that territory is still living. Fifty years ago its population was one thousand; it is now six hundred and fifty thousand.

☞ The Governor of Maryland has refused to surrender Horn, arrested in this city some time since for the murder of his wife, to the authorities of Ohio, by whom he was demanded to answer for a like offence committed in that State. The Governor says he must first be tried in Maryland, and if not convicted there, will be handed over to Ohio.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF CONNECTICUT.—The receipts into the Treasury during the year ending the 31st of March last (including the sum of $10,845 43 received from the Treasury of the United States,) amounted to $101,046,49. The expenditures during the same period have been $77,941,19—leaving a balance in the Treasury of $23,105 31.

THE LAKE TRADE.—The number of arrivals and departures from Cleveland during the year 1842, were 2462, of which 1650 were steamboats. The amount of tonnage was 18,671, and value of the exports $5,851,893, of which $1,016,976 went to Canada. The losses on the lakes for the same period were $125,000, and 69 lives.

A SMALL ESTATE.—The property left by Baron Stieglitz, the banker, who lately died at St. Petersburg, is estimated at the enormous sum of fifty millions of roubles, between five and six millions sterling. He was a native of Hanover, where his elder brother, one of the most celebrated physicians in Germany, died a few years ago.

STEAMBOAT ACCIDENTS.—The Cincinnati Sun states that not less than a quarter of a million of dollars worth of property has been lost on our Western waters within two months. Fourteen boats were lost, mostly by being snagged, the cost of which was $165,000, the cargoes worth $85,000—making a total loss of $250,000.

FIRE FROM A LOCOMOTIVE.—A destructive fire broke out on Monday morning last in the town of Islet, on Nicholas Patent, L. I., which destroyed wood to the value of $40,000 to $50,000, burning over a space full seven miles square. There were from 1500 to 2000 cords of wood, ready for market, burnt.

MILLERISM.—The Boston Bulletin, says the Miller mania in that city is completely at an end. The Miller Tabernacles was open day and evening last week, and there was no crowd around the doors, and inside were about a dozen persons gazing at the uncouth characters against the walls.

HAIL STORM.—We are informed, that on Sunday last, *hail* fell in the vicinity of the village of Hatborough, in Montgomery county, in this State, in such quantities, as to cover the ground for a time. This will do very well as a novelty, but such visits at this time are very unwelcome.

DIVORCES IN OHIO, according to the Cincinnati Chronicle, may be had for asking. It states that the Legislature last winter divorced a man from his wife, knowing that the sole reason was his desire to marry another woman, which he did immediately.

HANGING SCIENTIFICALLY.—A man named Benjamin D. White was recently hanged at Batavia, N. Y. The Times, of that place, in noticing the execution, says the Sheriff performed the duty in a "*manner that met the approbation of all present.*"

CAIRO SUBMERGED.—The St. Louis New Era of the 25th says:—"The steamboat Champlain, reports that the city of Cairo, at the mouth of the Ohio, is entirely submerged; nothing was seen of it on her passage up."

☞ The family of a Mr. Stone, in the Western part of New York, was poisoned a few days since, from eating the Muskrapsnah root, in mistake for some other. His wife died, but the children recovered.

MILITARY ENCAMPMENT.—The encampment to be held at Frederick, Md., on the 6th of June next, has been named "Camp Frederick." Col. James M. Coale has been appointed commander-in-chief.

☞ We learn that the Superintendent of the Delaware Division of the Pennsylvania Canal, commenced letting in the water on Saturday. Navigation commenced on Tuesday.

WESTWARD HO!—Two steamers recently arrived at St. Louis, one from Cincinnati and the other from Pittsburg, having on board more than 800 passengers, on their way to Iowa.

☞ The price of a passage from New York to New Orleans, around the coast, is $70. Through Pittsburg, the price is $90.

☞ Subscription books to the Stock of the Pittsburg and Connellsville Rail Road, are to be opened at Pittsburg, and other places, on the first Monday in June next.

☞ The Louisville Journal states that John Hutt, the treasurer of Arkansas, has proved a defaulter to the amount of about $4400.

☞ Auley M'Colla, Esq., has been chosen cashier of the State Bank at Camden, N. J., vice R. W. Ogden, deceased.

☞ The imports of specie into New Orleans, from the 1st of September to the 1st of May, amount to $8,975,876.

☞ The Delaware Peach Orchards are said to be in fine condition, and give promise of an abundant crop.

Political Intelligence.

MISSION TO CHINA.—The Boston Atlas says:—"We are authorized to state, from the most unquestionable authority, that the Hon. Edward Everett, the Minister of the United States at the Court of London, does not accept the appointment of Minister to China, which was fully conferred upon him, by the nomination of the President of the United States, confirmed by the Senate."

CONNECTICUT.—The Legislature of Connecticut convened at Hartford on Wednesday week. On Thursday morning the two Houses met in Convention, and elected Chauncey F. Cleveland, to the office of Governor; Wm. S. Holabird, Lt. Governor; Jabez L. White, Jr., Treasurer, Noah A. Phelps, Secretary, and Gideon Welles, Comptroller. All Democrats.

PRESIDENTIAL MOVEMENT.—The Tammany Hall general committee have declared their preference for Martin Van Buren as the next President. They also have recognised Free Trade as constituting one of the cardinal principles of Democracy, and believe that a tariff for protection conflicts with the interests and rights of the people.

THE APPROPRIATION BILL.—This bill, providing for the annual expenditures of the State government, has not yet, the Harrisburg Reporter says, been signed by the Governor. In the meantime, none of the laborers on the public works can be paid, or at least are not.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—A Democratic State Convention is to be held at Concord, on Tuesday the 8th day of June next, to nominate a Democratic candidate for Governor, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the Convention.

RESIGNED HIS POST.—Charles L. Schlatter, Chief Engineer on the Public Works of Pennsylvania, has resigned that post. He intends leaving Harrisburg for Chicago, having received an appointment from the War Department at that military station.

☞ It is reported that Mr. Merrick, the only United States Senator from Maryland, is about to resign.

Notices of the Dead.

DEATH OF THE HON. H. BAYLIES.—The Hon. Hodijah Baylies died at Dighton, Bristol county, on the 26th ultimo, at the age of 87. He was educated at Harvard College, and afterwards entered the revolutionary army, where he served with honor. After the surrender of Cornwallis, he attained the military rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He was for some time attached to General Washington's staff as one of his aids-de-camp. He has held various civil offices, and until a few years before his death, was Judge of Probate for the county of Bristol. In prime life he was much esteemed. His death leaves Col. John Trumbull the sole surviving field officer of the revolution.

☞ Dr. Birkard, known by his experiments on plague in the east, has just died at Dresden. The deceased has been known to pass nights and days with plague patients, even when the natives dare not approach them.

☞ Francis M'Clure, Esq. one of the oldest and most respected citizens, died at his residence, in Mifflin township, Pa., on Sunday evening last, at the advanced age of *one hundred and four years.*

☞ Capt. P. W. Snow, late American Consul at Canton, who returned to this country about a fortnight since, in the ship Valparaiso, died on the 7th instant, at Providence, R. I.

Army & Navy.

☞ Commodore Alexander Dallas, appointed to the command of the Pacific Squadron, will proceed for Chagres in the U. S. sloop of war Vandalia, Commander McCluney, which vessel will sail in a few days. The following gentlemen will also go out passengers in the Vandalia:—Mr. Geo. Bancroft, U. S. Commissioner to the Sandwich Islands; Mr. Seth Sweetzer, late U. S. Consul at Guayaquil; Passed Midshipman Alex. Murray, attached to the Pacific Squadron; Mr. Thomas Miller, Commodore Dallas' Secretary, and Mr. Murat Willis, clerk.

☞ Several companies of the Third Regiment U. S. Infantry—numbering in all six hundred and thirty-five men—arrived at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, on the 21st ult. from Florida via New Orleans.

☞ The frigate United States, arrived at Oahu, Sandwich Islands, on the 4th of December, and sailed on the 7th. Only nine were on the sick list, out of a ship's company of 500.

☞ Gen. Gaines' Head Quarters, will, hereafter, be at St. Louis, Missouri, he having been assigned to the command of the Third Military Department of the U. S. Army.

Religious Intelligence.

REPORTED FOR THE UNITED STATES SATURDAY POST.

PLACES OF PUBLIC WORSHIP OPEN ON SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 14.

PRESBYTERIAN—NEW SCHOOL.—First Church, Washington Square; Western Church, corner of Filbert and Schuylkill Sixth streets. Eleventh Church, Vine above Twelfth street. First Church, Northern Liberties, Buttonwood street below Sixth. First Church, Southwark, German street below Third. First Church, Fairmount. Hamiltonville Church.

PRESBYTERIAN—OLD SCHOOL.—Seventh Church, Penn Square; Fourth Church, Twelfth and Lombard street.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.—Grace Church, 12th and Cherry street; Saint Luke's Church, 13th below Spruce street; St. Timothy's Church, Spring Garden street below Twelfth. Saint John's Church, corner of Brown and Saint John. Advent Church, (in Temperance Hall) Third street below Green. Emanuel Church, Marlborough street near Prince, Kensington. Trinity Church, Catharine street above Second. Church of the Evangelists, Fifth street above Catharine. Church of the Messiah, Fifth street below Carpenter. Saint Matthew's Church, Francisville. Saint Mary's Church, Hamiltonville.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.—Saint Augustine's Church, Fourth street, opposite New street.

GERMAN REFORMED.—German Reformed Church, Race street below Fourth.

DUTCH REFORMED.—First Church, Crown street near Race.

LUTHERAN.—Saint Matthew's Church, New street below Fourth.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.—All open on Sunday Evening.

METHODIST PROTESTANT.—All open on Sunday Evening.

BAPTIST.—All open but the First Church.

UNITARIAN.—First Church, corner of Tenth and Locust streets.

UNIVERSALIST.—All open on Sunday Evening.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.—Disciples' Meeting House, corner of Fifth and Gaskill streets. Congregation of Disciples, (Vigilant Hall) Race street below Second.

CHRISTIAN.—Christian Chapel, Christian street below Sixth.

SWEDENBORGIAN.—New Jerusalem Chapel, 4th street below German.

MORMON.—Meeting House, Julianna street above Wood.

MARINERS.—Mariners' Church, Water street below Walnut. Bethel, corner of Shippen and Swanson streets.

AFRICAN.—First Presbyterian Church, Seventh street below Fitzwater. Methodist Bethel, Sixth street above Lombard. Wesley Chapel, Lombard street below Sixth. Union Methodist Church, Costers street below Old York Road. Zion Methodist Church, Brown street near Fourth. Union Baptist Church, Little Pine street near Seventh.

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NEW ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.—The ceremony of blessing the corner stone of the new Catholic Church, St. Paul's, about to be erected in Moyamensing, took place on the afternoon of Sunday last. Bishop Kenrick officiated, assisted by several of the clergy. The Bishop delivered an address appropriate to the occasion, and notwithstanding that the rain descended for a time in torrents, the audience was large, and a collection was taken up, which amounted to $460.

CHURCHES.—There are twenty churches in the city of Washington. Of these, the Presbyterians have 4; Catholics 3; Episcopalians 3; Methodists 3; Methodist Protestants 1; Baptists 2; German Lutherans 1; Unitarians 1; Friends 1. The "Capitol," a paper published in that city, says:—"Great work is going on in the different churches here, and we daily hear of hundreds of converts to the various sects."

☞ A call has been given by "The Dutch Church, on Washington Square," New York, to the Rev. Menzies S. Hutton, D. D., and been accepted by him; and he was installed as the pastor of that church, on Sunday last.

A DONATION.—A London paper states that a friend of the Church Missionary Society has just made a munificent donation to that institution of £5000 Consols, to enable it to commence a mission to China.

☞ The proprietors of the Tremont Theatre in Boston, have resolved to sell it to the Baptist Society of Christians, under the charge of the Rev. Mr. Cohen, for the sum of $50,000.

☞ The congregation of St. Paul's Church, in Boston, have contributed, during the last year, the liberal sum of $7,233,61 for missionary and charitable purposes.

☞ The corner stone of a new Protestant Episcopal Church was laid at Ellicott's Mills, near Baltimore on Tuesday of last week.

☞ A new German Methodist Episcopal Church, in Second street, near Avenue C., New York, was dedicated on Thursday week.

☞ Bishop Onderdonk, of New York, confirmed 95 persons at St. Paul's Church, Albany, on Sunday evening last.

☞ Friday last was observed as Thanksgiving Day throughout the State of Georgia.

Foreign Intelligence.

ARRIVAL OF THE HIBERNIA.

TEN DAYS LATER.

Since our last, by the arrival of the new steam packet Hibernia, at Boston, we have been put in possession of the English dates. Liverpool to the evening of the 19th and London to the 16th. The Hibernia brought out upward of a million and a half of dollars in gold, and a full freight. She had 107 passengers to Halifax, landed 24, and took in 14, making 97 for Boston.

Right of Visit.

Both Houses adjourned on the 11th of April, for the Easter holydays, the House of Commons to the 24th, and the House of Lords to the 25th. As interesting to this country, we quote the following conversation in both Houses as to the *Right of Search.* The correspondence relative to the subject had been moved for:

The Earl of Aberdeen said he had no objection to produce the papers; but as to the difference between the two governments it was more apparent than real—it would not lead to any serious difficulty.

Lord Brougham would pledge himself to prove that there was no difference worth a snub.

Lord Ashburton said that the peculiar position in which he was placed should be his excuse to the House for now saying a few words respecting the facts of the subject, because, from the nature of the debate which was to come on next Friday, he should be precluded from addressing their lordships. As regarded the right of visit, or search, on the coast of Africa, he was persuaded when their lordships come to examine the papers which he held in his hand, and which would be presented to the House, they would find that in point of fact no difference existed between her Majesty's Government and the United States. (hear, hear.) From the time of his arrival in this time of his departure from Paris he had had nothing but satisfaction, and he felt that he would

Gems from the Poets.

THE CONVICT SHIP.

BY THOMAS K. HERVEY.

More on the waves!—sad, purple and bright,
Bursts on the billows the floating of light!
O'er the gold waves, like a child of the sun,
Goes the tall vessel gaily and gallantly on—
Full to the breeze she unbosoms her sail,
And her pennant streams onward, like hope, in the gale!
The winds come around her, in murmur and song,
And the surges rejoice, as they bear her along.
Upward she springs to the golden-edged clouds,
And the white wings gaily, theft in the shrouds!
Onward she glides, amid ripple and spray,
Over the waters—away, and away.
Bright as the visions of youth, ere they part,
Passing away, like a dream of the heart!
Who—as the beautiful pageant sweeps by,
Music around her, and sunshine on high—
Pauses to think, amid glitter and glow,
Oh! there be hearts that are breaking, below!

Night on the waves!—and the moon is on high,
Hung like a gem, on the brow of the sky;
Treading its depths, in the power of her might,
And turning the clouds, as they pass her, to light.
Look to the waters,—asleep on their breast,
Seems not the ship like an island of rest!
Bright as, amid ocean, the shadowy moon,
Like a heart-cherished home on some desolate plain!
Who—as she smiles in the silvery light,
Spreading her wings on the bosom of night,
Alone on the deep—as the moon in the sky,
A phantom of beauty! could deem, with a sigh,
That as lovely a thing is the mansion of sin,
And souls that are smitten lie bursting, within!
Who, as he watches her silently gliding,
Remembers that wave after wave is dividing
Bosoms that sorrow and guilt could not sever,—
Hearts that are parted and broken for ever!
Or fancies that pleasure, afloat on the wave,
The death bed of hope, or the young spirit's grave!

'Tis thus with our life, while it passes along,
Like a vessel at sea, amid sunshine and song!
Gaily we glide, in the gaze of the world,
With streamers afloat, and with canvass unfurled;
All gladness and glory to wandering eyes,—
Yet chartered by sorrow, and freighted with sighs!
Fading and false as the aspect it wears,
As the smiles we put on—just to cover our tears:
And the withering thoughts which the world cannot know,
Like an broken exiles, lie burning below!
While the vessel drives on to that desolate shore
Where the dreams of our childhood are vanished and o'er.

From the Monthlies.

FROM THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY MAGAZINE.

THE BROTHER AND SISTER.

BY MRS. EMMA C. EMBURY.

Among the papers of an aged relative, which fell into my hands after her decease, I found two letters, so full of earnest and affectionate expostulation, that I became especially interested, to learn their history. They had apparently been written nearly forty years, and the faded ink—the time-stained paper—no less than the quaint and old-fashioned phraseology in which they were expressed bore witness of their authenticity. My curiosity was strongly excited and knowing that every family has its chronicler, in the person of some old lady or gentleman, who has outlived all interest in the present, and finds pleasure only, in recollections of the past—I had recourse to such a friend for information. The story was one of little incident, yet, as conveying a moral lesson of no small import, it may be worth preserving.

Eleanor Hubert, was one of a large family of brothers and sisters—and being neither the eldest nor the youngest—neither the pride nor pet—she occupied merely, the responsible station, of "one of the children." Possessed of strong affections and a warm heart, she had early distinguished her brother Henry, as the object of her special interest. While she was kind, and gentle to all, she was most devoted in her love to him. He was the junior, and the tenderness which had sprung in her childish heart for "the baby," grew with her growth and strengthened with his strength, until it became the ruling principle of her life. Yet nothing could be more dissimilar than the character of the brother and sister. While Eleanor was all truth and goodness with a quiet temper—gentle manner—cheerful face and a fearless sense of duty; Henry was one of those reckless, thoughtless, yet generous beings, who are usually designated in after life, as "real good fellows," and "nobody's enemy but their own," etc. His facility of temper rendered him unable to resist temptation, and with every disposition to do right he was constantly doing something wrong. Like all impulsive persons, he was naturally kind, affectionate, and magnanimous—no one could be more attentive to the claims of tenderness—no one ever acknowledged an error with more readiness and grace—no one more meekly the sufferer from the rod. But that peculiar characteristic of mind which often exercised in the cause of duty might have been honored with the name of docility, became a culpable weakness when it rendered him equally submissive to the influence of evil advisers—of course a youth of such character excited great anxiety in those who best loved him. His frank and handsome countenance, his affectionate manner, his generous, easy temper made him an universal favorite, and many a fault was overlooked—many an error excused for the merry-hearted, and thoughtless boy.

But Eleanor was grave and reflective beyond her years. The disgraces into which her beloved brother so often fell, led her to the discovery of the defects in his character, and in striving to screen him from the consequences of his follies, she learned to trace those follies to their source. Affection taught her to watch the first leaning towards error in his mind, and while yet a child in years she seemed to have become a guardian to the wayward but daring brother who looked up to her with almost reverential tenderness. Her own integrity and sweetness of character rendered her most deservedly dear to her parents, and she was thus enabled to save Henry very frequently from well-merited punishment which might possibly have modified his habits. It was the natural mistake of a young and tender heart and bitterly did she reproach herself in after days for her ill judged kindness. Still this very influence formed a strong bond of union between them, and Henry learned to value doubly, that goodness which he could not imitate.

If parents would remember how entirely "the child is father to the man," they would certainly watch more close over the first obstitutions of evil passion in the hearts of their offspring. How surely may we trace the bitter streams of envy, hatred, malice and all uncharitableness" to the tiny fountain of pride and jealousy which first bubbled amid the flowers and verdure of childhood—and how vainly may we hope to leave a heritage of love to those whose expanding hearts have been watered with such environmental dews.

It is not my intention to trace the course of Eleanor's affection through all the season of childhood. Years passed on, and she became a gentle and lovely woman; while Henry grew up to manhood, gifted with all that could make him a favorite in gay society. Singularly handsome, possessed of various showy accomplishments, together with natural talents of a high order, and especially distinguished for his popular skill in story-telling, and his fine taste as a singer of convivial songs, he was exposed to many temptations which could scarcely assail a less favored person. The consequences may be readily imagined. His home temper tended but little as easy prey to evil when it came in the shape of pleasure, and all the restraints of duty and affection were forgotten. There is an old legend of a christian hermit, who was tempted by the spirit of evil, and was finally brought to believe that he must choose which of three evils he would commit. His choice lay between theft, murder and intemperance—and the good man finding himself in such a state, selected what he conceived to be the least of the three. He chose intemperance as the least heinous crime, and the consequence was, that while in a state of insanity, he committed both the other crimes. The story, though but a fable, may serve to illustrate the destructive nature of that deadly vice, which benumbs every noble faculty of human nature, and reduces a man below the level of the beasts that perish.

It was long before Eleanor could believe that her beloved brother had fallen into intemperate habits, she tried to blind herself to the undeniable evidences of his weakness which were seen in the bloodshot eye, the trembling hand and his unsteady step. She hoped that such temperance of the man-brief might be traced to some unusual temptation, and all the influence of her natural affection was exerted to counteract the evil. Henry would listen to her remonstrances with "the good humor" he invariably manifested towards her, and promise, and on the dew of penitence was dried upon his cheek, or the echo of his words had died upon the listening ear, he was again the home companion of those who "drank to die." It was this dreadful habit in her brother which called forth the letters of which I have spoken, and if in my story I have somewhat veiled the facts I shall give the lets to entire—assuring my readers that they are the genuine remonstrances of an affectionate sister to an erring brother, and bear date forty years back.

Wednesday night, 12 o'clock, 1801.

MY DEAR BROTHER,

Surely you do not despise your own soul—therefore listen to reproof. Remember the words of the wisest of men, "Rejoice O young man, in thy youth, and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart and in the sight of thine eyes, but know thou that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment." What say you to this? I know you do not disbelieve Holy Writ—cannot—why then trifle away those precious moments which are so rapidly flying and leaving no trace behind—do tears dul I say? alas! the recollection of your present folly will embitter your last moments and plant your dying pillow with thorns. I have often heard you say that you meant to take your pleasure in youth, and in old age you would seriously think of religion, but what if you should never see gray hairs? what if death should summon you away in the midst of your pleasures? What if now, even THIS NIGHT THE DARK SHADOW AS MESSENGER OF THE THROUGH is rippling—oh, let it sink deep—deep in your young heart.

Or suppose you should arrive at a green old age, are you sure the passions by which you are now actuated, will not then predominate? Evil propensities grow with our growth.

"It habits gather by unseen degrees,
As brooks to rivers run—rivers to seas."

Do you not think also that you would dishonor God by giving Him the very dregs of your life? He has said "Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth"—and think you, He will be mocked by the offering of a heart already worn out in the service of the world! You have been blest above many others, in being born of Christian parents, in having received a religious education, and in being now within sound of gospel teachings. Your own heart will bear testimony against you, for surely you must remember times when you would have shrank from the enormities you now commit. Listen to the faithful monitor which God has implanted in your breast, and my words will not have been uttered in vain.

Dear, dear Henry, you have not yet gone far in the crooked path of vice, your feet has but just passed over its flowery bounds and you have not yet been entered by the hidden thorns which lie beneath the poisoned blossoms. Oh, let me say to you as did the angel to Lot, "fly, for your life." Remember the last words of our sainted mother, when the sweet of mortal agony was upon her brow—"my children, serve the Lord as I have done"—think of all her tender solicitude for you—remember her dying admonitions to you—the wanderer of her flock—and, oh! forget not that the many prayers which she has offered up for you are now treasured in heaven. I can write no more—tears blind my weary eyes—may you listen with a contrite spirit to the tender pleadings of

Your most devoted Sister.

Henry found this letter on his table when he arose. It was the morning of New Year's day, and he had long been engaged to join a party of roisterers who intended to celebrate the flight of time by dissipation. Touched by his sister's appeal, he remained at home, and Eleanor was made happy by the belief that he was not hardened against all convictions. For nearly two months he resisted all temptation and nothing could exceed his affectionate regard for his sister's wishes. But alas! for human weakness, his reformation was but transitory. I find a second letter dated,

New Years' Eve, 1802.

"MY BROTHER, I fondly hoped there would be no more occasion for my addressing you in this manner, and on this subject. Alas!—even the lightest, soft pillow sometimes repeated strokes, and the flinty rock gives way, but you remain impenetrable. Why is it that your heart which is as wax in the hands of affection should in this matter receive no impression? Remember that "he who being often reproved hardeneth his neck shall suddenly be destroyed and that without remedy."

How can you thus silence the voice of your faithful conscience! ere long she will speak to you in a voice louder than ten thousand thunders. The partition between this world and the next, is very slight—the breath in your nostrils is your only safeguard from the horrors of an eternity, and you are never mind with the slightest illness, that I am not agonized with tears lest death should come upon you like a thief in the night. Oh! that your imagination would paint terrors of an unprepared death-bed even as they appear to me! every faculty of your soul would then be aroused to guard against temptation. Even a heathen philosopher could say "I am too noble and of too high a birth to be a slave to my body, which I look upon as only as a fetter to the liberty of my soul." Can not you, living under the light of Christian truth respond to his lofty sentiments!

My brother, I will not reiterate my persuasions, for my heart sinks within me, when I remember how utterly futile they have hitherto been. Oh, if you would but let the past time suffice, and henceforth live like a rational being, capable of enjoying the purest and most refined pleasures here, and meet to be a partaker of the inheritance of the Saints hereafter! My beloved brother this is the LAST time I shall ever thus address you—something tells me that my days are numbered, and some other hand must lay an offering of affection before you when next the opening year returns—God bless, my dear, my erring brother—oh, that my death might be your light!"

Henry had made fearful progress in vice during the past year, and the second appeal was not quite disregarded. He strove for a few days against the demon of strong drink, but his faculties were fast becoming benumbed and torpid. Affection had lost its power over him, his mental faculties became irritable and violent, his once generous heart under the influence of sensual gratifications had become selfish, and the day of reform seemed past for ever. But the earnest prayer of a sorrowing sister is often answered, and Eleanor had not wrestled with her agony in vain.

Ere the THIRD New Years' day, Henry seemed irrecoverably ruined—his days were spent in sullen inactivity, his nights in riotous dissipation, and sometimes for weeks he would absent himself from his home. It was after such a season of reckless madness that he returned, worn and seared and sick with his excesses. He did not remember until he was on the threshold that it was the first day of the Year, but as he entered the house, the words of his sister recurred to him so vividly that they seemed literally written on the wall before him. There was a strange air of desolation and silence around him, as he passed through the wide hall—his steps seemed to echo with an unnatural loudness, and that peculiar odor, which belongs to nothing but the newly formed coffin lid of death, struck upon his senses. A horrid fear took possession of the prodigal's heart—he staggered forward and flung open the door of the nearest apartment. His perceptions had not deceived him, a coffin stood on an blacke.ed trence in the center of the apartment—it held the wasted form of his beloved sister!

A long fit of illness followed this fearful shock. Reason was utterly prostrated, and in his ravings the ghostly image of Eleanor seemed ever before him. For many days his life was in imminent danger, and for months he was a helpless invalid, but Eleanor's prayer had been heard. HER SLAVE HE WAS NO LONGER—Henry, from that hour, was a sincere penitent and, when a few years later, he followed his sister to the grave, he yielded his last breath in the hope of a blessed re-union with her in the world of spirits.

THE MOTHER AND CHILD.

[Goethe relates that he met, in the Champagne of Rome a young woman nursing her child amid the remains of an ancient column. He questioned her on the ruins with which her dwelling was surrounded. She was wholly ignorant of every thing concerning them; being wholly devoted to the affections which filled her soul. She heed; and to her the present moment was the whole of existence.]

Temples, and monuments, and crumbling fanes,
Arch and column, lie in ruin around them;
Ages long past have cast their dark pinions
And stamped their sacred spot in hallowed ground.
While Art and Genius here their home have found!
But one! where these old sculptured marbles rest,
A mother clasps her infant to her breast;
She seeks not here to learn what minor unknown
Carved these immortal forms in breathing stone;
She smiles in joy over her infant's face,
And that sweet home to her glad spirit seems
Holier than sculptured forms or poet's dreams;
Yet in such hour, Oh! wherefore should she care
Who erected those shafts! by whom those towers were piled!
The present fills her soul—her heart is with her child!

Russian High Life.

MARRIAGE OF THE CZAR ALEXIS.

Father of Peter the Great.

In former times a curious custom was observed in Russia when the Czar proposed to enter the holy married state. Several high officers of the Court were dispatched to different parts of the Imperial dominion, to assemble together about fifty or sixty of the most lovely damsels of the noble and wealthy families. From this circle of Muscovite beauty the Imperial bride was chosen. The young ladies were conducted to the Kremlin at Moscow. There they remained secluded from any one except the Czar, or those to whom the favor was granted by Imperial permission, until the solemn day when in the presence of his assembled courtiers and ministers, the Sovereign made the fortunate fair one his wife whom it was his high will and pleasure to share the throne.

Alexis, the son of Michael, and the father of Peter the Great, used sometimes, after the manner of Haroun al Raschid, to quit his palace in disguise, and visit, in some assumed humble character, the houses of the citizens, and the huts of the peasantry. If he was recognized by any of the nobles or persons connected with the Court, they were commanded to respect his incognito, and were expressly forbidden to treat him with any greater degree of respect than such as might be due to his assumed rank and condition. By this means, he saw every thing with his own eyes, and learned many facts, the knowledge of which would not easily have penetrated within the boundaries of a Court. In this manner, he not infrequently paid the most unexpected visits to his favourites, sat down to dinner with them, and spent an agreeable hour in their family circle, laying aside all the etiquette of Sovereignty. He was particularly fond of taking by surprise the Boyar Matweef, by whom he entertained a cordial friendship, and who was one of the principal counsellors of the Crown.

One day, at a time when he was least expected, Alexis presented himself at Matweef's country house, at a short distance from the capital. He was dressed in the uniform of a captain of the Imperial guard. Both host and visitor started; Matweef, because he supposed the Emperor to be far off, and in a totally different direction; and Alexis, because he beheld, seated at Matweef's dinner table, a young lady whose beauty attracted his attention. In obedience to the Czar's injunction, Matweef received him merely as an officer of his acquaintance, inviting him to seat himself at table and partake of the family dinner.

At first the conversation was maintained exclusively between Alexis and Matweef, but at length the Czar drew in the fair stranger to bear a part in it. He was charmed with the intelligence of her remarks and her graceful manner of expressing herself; and he was not a little sorry when she retired at the conclusion of the repast.

"Who is that young lady?" said he, eagerly addressing Matweef, as soon as she had left the apartment.

"That is Natalia Narishkin, the daughter of a poor but estimable nobleman, whose straitened circumstances oblige him to live in a secluded village, and who has solicited me to superintend the education of his only child. "I have," pursued Matweef, "executed this task to the best of my ability; and I must add that my labor has not been thrown away. Joined to brilliant talent and a highly cultivated mind, Natalia possesses a gentle and amiable disposition, which endears her to every one; in short, I love her as though she were my own daughter!"

"Let her continue to pursue her education under your care," said the Czar. "Spare no expense for her instruction. I will defray it; and it is not impossible I may find a husband for her. Does she know who I am?"

"No. Sire, she seldom goes out, and has never seen your Majesty before."

"Do not let her know my rank. Let her believe that I am merely an Officer of the Guards."

Alexis soon repeated his visit to Matweef's country house; and he found the beautiful Natalia more charming than on his first introduction to her. He soon came a third and a fourth time, and at length his visits were repeated without full every day. Natalia on her part, felt daily increasing pleasure in the society of her new acquaintance, and supposing him to be merely a poor officer, and the friend of her foster father, her behaviour towards him was marked by an unrestrained candor which lent additional charms to her animated conversation. Meanwhile Matweef found himself in a very embarrassing position. He observed the daily increasing intimacy between Natalia and Alexis yet dared not venture on any step which might tend to interrupt it; nevertheless he felt it to be his duty to warn the daughter of his old friend against the snares of a seduction, of which she could entertain no suspicion. His uneasiness on this point was the greater, inasmuch as he knew that Alexis had a plan of marriage in contemplation, and he naturally concluded that the future Czarina, whoever she might be, would not be very well pleased to hear of the assiduous attentions of the Monarch to his fair prodigee.

The day fixed for the choice of the Imperial bride was fast approaching; the Kremlin contained with in its walls sixty of the fairest daughters of the Russian nobility; jewellers, tailors, and dress makers had all completed their orders; and every thing was in readiness for the interesting day. The Boyars thronged to the capital full of eagerness to know the family on whom the Monarch proposed to confer the honor of Imperial alliance. All Moscow was in motion; the troops of the garrison were paraded in front of the palace, and the ringing of bells mingled with the joyous shouts of the populace.

The Grand Hall of the Kremlin presented a splendid picture. The nobles were habited in their rich national costumes, adorned with costly furs; the ladies arrayed in the gorgeous silks and cashmeres of the East; whilst in every direction the eye was dazzled by a profusion of diamonds and other rare jewels. By command of the Czar, all appeared masked with the exception of the beauteous group, from which Alexis was about to select the partner of his throne.

To that group all eyes were naturally directed. Each of the fair candidates was so remarkable for grace and beauty, that it was impossible to guess to which among them the preference might be awarded. The Princess Elisabeth Barbarykin attracted a considerable share of attention; many thought that she outshun her rivals—an opinion which a certain air of self complacency seemed to indicate that the young lady herself shared; and truly her expanding beauty, no less than her noble descent, well befitted her to wear the Imperial diadem.

Admiration and interest had reached their utmost height, when a mask entered whose dress eclipsed in splendor all the rest. He was followed by a numerous retinue. As soon as he appeared, the words, "The Czar! the Czar!" resounded through the Hall in a sort of buzzing whisper. How triumphant was the delight of the Princess Barbarykin when the splendid mask advanced, and graciously addressed her. She trembled and turned pale, when he stepped aside to speak to other ladies, but he returned to her a second and a third time, and the fair Elisabeth already beheld in imagination the crown on her head, and her rivals at her feet.

Meanwhile, a quiet spectator of the passing scene, Natalia Narishkin, simply dressed, and unadorned by either gold or jewels, sat in a remote corner of the hall. She was accompanied only by old Matweef; but they were soon joined by their friend, the Captain of the Guards, who made himself known to them, though, like the rest of the company, he was masked. Natalia, with her accustomed frankness, entered into conversation with him, and inquired whether the Czar had yet determined his choice.

"Not yet," answered Alexis. "But permit me to conduct you to a place higher up the hall, where you will have a better view of his Majesty when he unmasks."

"Excuse me," said Natalia, "I prefer remaining here."

"But who knows," persued Alexis, smiling, "whether his Majesty might not make choice of you, if he saw you."

"Indeed, Captain, I am not ambitious of so high an honor. I seek not to rival Princess Barbarykin."

"You are too diffident of your own merits, Natalia! You may perchance be destined to ensure the happiness of your Sovereign—of your country!"

"My hopes of happiness are centered in a far humbler destiny," replied Natalia with a sigh, whilst a deep blush mantled her cheek.

Had Alexis wanted proof that he was beloved by Natalia, the tone in which these words were uttered must have convinced him. In an ecstacy of joy at finding the humble Captain preferred to the power of Monarch, he advanced to the centre of the hall, and exclaimed in the tone of one accustomed to command—"Unmask!"

The buzz of conversation was instantly hushed, and unbroken stillness prevailed. Every eye was directed to Alexis, and every heart beat high with intense anxiety. Who can describe the confusion of Princess Barbarykin, when on the removal of the mask, she discovered that the gallant individual who had addressed to her so many flattering compliments was no other than Chopkin, the Court Fool! and how great was the astonishment of all present when the Czar himself, placing the crown on the brow of Natalia Narishkin, exclaimed—"BEYARS OF MOSCOW, BEHOLD YOUR CZARINA!"

The Humorist.

☞ "I say, Jemmy, lend me your last paper." "I can't do it; you wouldn't lend me your new coat t'other day, you know!" "Nonsense—that's another thing—I only wanted to read it to the ladies." "I don't come it, Jerry—I only wanted to save the cost to go and see the ladies." "Well, I'll not ask you again, I know—I'll go and subscribe first." "No you ought," said Jerry, and went on reading his paper.

☞ A lad relating to one of his companions the exploits of his father in hunting, on the previous day, asserted that he had killed nine hundred and ninety-nine pigeons at *one shot!* His companion observed that it would have been well to have added one to the number, and made it an even thousand, upon, said the lad in high dudgeon, retorted, "*What! Do you think my father would tell a lie for one pigeon?*"

☞ The authentic pages of *Joe Miller* state the case of an Irishman who was accused of stealing a shirt off a hedge. "What have you to say for yourself?" said the magistrate; "here is a witness who saw you take the shirt." "Allow me a little time, please your honor," said the culprit, in mouse abashed, "and I will bring twenty witnesses who can swear they did not see me take it."

☞ "You saved my life on one occasion," said a beggar to a captain under whom he had served. "Saved your life!" replied the officer, "do you think I am a doctor?" "No," answered the poor "but I served under you in the battle of ——; and when you ran away, I followed, and thus my life was preserved."

☞ Francis I, being desirous to raise one of the most learned men of the age to the highest dignities of the church, asked him if he was of noble birth—"Your majesty," answered the abbot, "there were three brothers in Noah's ark, and I cannot tell positively from which I am descended."

☞ "See how wrong you are to drink," said some one to a man who was then drunk; "Wine causes you to stumble at every step." "It is not so," answered the drunkard, "I do not err in drinking, but in attempting to walk when I am drunk."

☞ That "time and tide wait for no man" is proved by one James Hellicoat, who advertises in an Iowa paper a Miss Mary Tyde for a breach of promise, she having united herself to a young Doctor after agreeing to marry him in twelve months.

☞ "My son," said a pious old lady to her son, after she had read to him a chapter in Scripture, relating to Jonah, "how must Jony he felt when the whale swallowed him?" "Short o' down in the mouth I spose," replied the little rascal.

☞ The first Lord Lyttleton was very absent minded in company, and when he fell into a river by the upsetting of a boat, at Hagley, it was said of him that he had "sunk twice before he recollected that he could swim."

☞ Speaking of mesmerism, the Tropic tells of an apothecary's boy, who was mesmerized, and upon the organ of alimentiveness being touched, immediately cried aloud and he would "spread a plaster!"

☞ A centenarian, talking of the transmigration of souls, said, "In the time of Moses I have no doubt I was the golden calf." "Very likely," replied a lady "—time has rolled you of nothing but the gilding."

☞ "You are very much changed, Charles," said a frail fair one to her lover the other day. "That's a fact," said Charles. "I have changed—all the furniture of my house into yours."

☞ Yawning may be excited by taking hold of the tongue and opening them several times. Of course those upon whom the trick is practised, must not be aware of your design.

☞ "Please, sir, I don't think Mr. Dos'em takes his physic reg'lar," said a doctor's boy to his employer. "Why so!" "Cause he's getting well so precious fast."

☞ It is a somewhat singular as well as melancholy fact, that while the fiercest tiger of the forest can be *tamed*, the tongue of the slanderer is *untameable*.

☞ The coffee tree does not in fifteen years, and its height is only eight feet; hence it is planted in the intermediate spaces between the young cocoa-trees.

☞ There is a gentleman in this city so brotherhearted, it is said, that he refuses to take milk, because he deprives the innocent calves of it.

☞ It is fun to dance on a hot griddle; and it is sport to jump over a precipice; but it is a shame to neglect paying off the printer's bill.

☞ "What a thunderin' cruel pace this is," mutttered a drunken man, "to keep a hoppin' up and hittin' a fellow step in the face."

☞ Matrimony is better than no money at all. It is change to a bachelor, though that change may cost him a fortune.

☞ "Are you the man of the house?" inquired a stranger of a citizen, one day. "No, but my wife is," was the subdued response.

☞ By taking revenge, a man is but even with his enemy; but in pressing it over, he is superior.

☞ The prodigate Duke of Wharton was one day dining with Dean Swift, and recounting several frolics he had run through. "My Lord," said Dean Swift, "let me recommend one more to you. Take a frolic to be good; rely upon it, you will find it the *pleasantest* frolic you ever was engaged in."

☞ Suppose one of the Siamese twins should steal; he could not be imprisoned without subjecting the sheriff to a suit of false imprisonment by the other. But if one should be accused of murder, he would be cleared on the ground of insanity—being a man *beside himself*.

☞ The Bunker Hill Aurora of Saturday last, under the head of "News of the Week," has the following *on dit*.—"A lover recently entered a house which he had been frequented to visit, congratulated both the old folks, and then ran off with the daughter at his leisure."

☞ Why is a nun who has too many servants like an oyster? Because he's eaten out of house and home.

☞ There is a great deal of sound matter and serious instruction in a church bell, if it is only *tolled*.

☞ Beauty is worse than wine—it intoxicates holder and beholder.

Choice Selections.

ANECDOTE OF THE WOMEN OF BEVERLY, MASSACHUSETTS.

The year 1777 in Beverly, was distinguished by a riotous proceeding, in which the gentle sex were the principal actors. Mr. Stone, in his history, thus describes it:

The merchants of the town in consequence of the little confidence they had in a constantly depreciating paper currency, refused to sell the West India commodities in their possession, at the stated prices. This determination gave great offence, and under the excitement of the occasion, a number of women resolved to redress the grievance, forcibly or otherwise. One cold November morning, a company of about sixty, wearing lambskin cloaks with riding hoods, marshalled by three or four leaders, one of them bearing a musket, marched in regular order down Main and Bartlett streets to the wharves, attended by two ox-carts. They proceeded to the distil-house, where a quantity of sugar belonging to the estate of Stephen Cabot, deceased, was stored. In the meantime, the foreman of the distillery, to whose care the goods had been committed, locked the gates at the entrance of the passage leading to the store, and stood sentry within, to prevent the ingress of the assailants. Finding themselves opposed, they called to their aid a reinforcement of men, who, with axes, soon demolished the gates. The gallant foreman still maintained his post, and made a bold demonstration of resistance. His fair assailants, nothing daunted, pressed vigorously to the onset, and seizing him by the hair, which was not of nature's growth, was proceeding to execute summary vengeance, when he cloded their grasp by leaving his artificial covering in their hands—and fleeing all but scalped—to the counting-room, locked himself in for safety. The work of victory then commenced. With the composition of the volunteer reinforcement, these gentle expounders of "women's rights" forced the doors of the store, and rolled out two hogsheads of sugar, which were placed on the carts in attendance. The affair had now assumed a serious aspect, and several other merchants having a quantity on hand, and unwilling to risk the consequence of resistance and possible defeat, entered into a negotiation, which resulted in an agreement, on their part, to sell such a barrel of sugar to the female dictators, at the stipulated price, and receive paper money in payment. With this treaty, the war closed, and the valiant band dispersed. The sugar was carried to the house of the principal leader who kept a shop, and was there doled out in convenient parcels, according to treaty engagement. Acting as agent, in the business, she received and paid over the money to the owners of the sugar, with whom an amicable settlement was subsequently made for the quantity forcibly taken.

THE SHIPWRECKED ON LAND.

BY S. B. PATTERSON.

An exchange paper relates that a sailor who had been long absent on a voyage, recently came into port, and immediately left Boston on a visit to his friends in Vermont, whom he had left in health a number of years before. Upon his arrival at the spot, the light hearted tar found that they had all died during his long absence. Even the bright-eyed girl whom he had left in all her virgin bloom, and to whom he was betrothed—she who, year after year, had anxiously watched for his return, slept beneath the cold clod of the valley! He retraced his steps, and when the editor met him on his return, he was amazed by the sad story of his misfortune. In spite of loneliness had come over the noble-hearted fellow, that touched a chord in his bosom which all the loneliness of the ocean could not reach. His home was desolate—his affections had lavished the love of his youth—his affianced bride—the sturdy oak, and the lily that bloomed in its shade—gone, all gone for ever! The sailor was shipwrecked on land, and the bold one who had withstood the battle of the surge and the mountain waves—who had braved the perils of the deep in the midnight storm, without the trembling of a nerve or the blink of an eye—had now lost sight of his polar star, and bitterly wept at the desolation which had come over him.

He stands beside his native cot—the fields his feet had trod
In youthful days of sunny prime—the green and verdant sod
On which his childhood's sports were held, are stretch'd before his eye,
And the saint smiles at dangers past, while his heart sighs for joy.

Sweet visions rise upon his view! Already is his grave, He holds his aged father's hand with a son's warm, cordial clasp,
And hears the voice of praise ascend to the guardian power above,
As that father welcomes in his arms the offspring of his love.

And she—the mother, whose kind hand first guided his their way,
His feeble, tottering footsteps, in his childhood's early day,
Whose voice first taught his lips to speak the words of thanks and prayer,
For long years past, and gone to come—that mother, she is there!

Already at her feet he kneels—her knee—he feels it now—
Rich with the forecast of her joy, imprinted on his brow
And marks her bosom swell with bliss, her cheek with rapture burn,
As she, in holy, thankful joy, her wanderer's return.

And now, another vision far steals on that wanderer's view—
'Tis one, who in his early years, among those scenes he knew,
Whose voice was music to his soul, whose smile, so light and gay,
Gave brilliancy to all his hopes, and cheer'd him with its ray.

She comes, with open arms, to meet her lover at t' door,
And down her cheeks bleat tears of joy in quick succession pour—
Her lips are pressed, his tall-worn arms—her tears give place to smiles;
While he, in her's true eloquence, each sorrowing thought beguiles.

No more, to them, the parting hour with saddening grief shall come,
His toils are over—her goal is won—and now, a happy home,
With her, his chosen and his own, to bless it with her presence.

Will bind his willing footsteps there, and bid all cares remove.

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Such visions cheer'd his soul. Alas! that hopes so bright and fair,
Like mist upon the mountain top should vanish into air.
And that the heart which never quail'd, when by the tempest tost,
On disappointment's desert shore should mourn its treasures lost.

Such was our wanderer's fate—the home, to which her footsteps sped
In his opinion, the appearance of a man in his wife of little or no consequence. I am convinced that I could adore Keep, and prefer him a thousand times to an Adonis. A Narcissus, who adores his own image, I consider the most insipid thing in the world.

Nature shows us why the slumber of death has a place in her kingdom of changes. It is that beneficent stupor that surrounds a being while the organic powers are stirring up for resurrection. The creature itself, with its higher or lower grade of knowledge, is not strong enough to oversee and direct the struggle; it falls asleep, and awakes only when it is re-created. So the sleep of death is a fatherly benign dispensation; it is a necessary condition for the operation of which nature collects her powers, and restores her stupified invalid.

He was very much afraid of ghosts! and the ghosts which he feared have been known among men from time immemorial. They are of a wonderfully large land, clothed in glittering white texture; *Self conceit*, her long necked child, who always treads in the traces of her dear mamma, and *Humbug*, which must be the ghost of an old French language teacher, who in his life-time had been connected with those ladies, and often been seen in their company.

There is a certain disposition of mind in woman, which makes her do well whatever she does at all; which causes sweet peace to follow her wherever she goes. Like a quiet spring day, so that wherever she dwells, grace and comfort, which is shared by every one who approaches her, dwells with her. This disposition of mind proceeds from a pure and devoted heart which fears God. Happy are those who possess this—happy beyond all other!

Even a wedding-day has a mirror! A tedious day for those in the house of the wedding. Nothing remains of all the festivity of the day before, but it left after a light to put out—the sweet bride, who behoves the festive splendor and pomp, a familiar face, a star in its own heaven, is missing from the happy domestic circle, it is not surprising that the honeymoon should become dark!

To every true woman's heart there is an indescribable joy *in giving*; in feeling can's *self live* in the prosperity and joy of another. This is the sunshine of the heart, which is, perhaps, more necessary here than in the cold North, than elsewhere. Besides, the freedom of action is indeed refreshing.

I should rather go without eating and drinking than be deprived of sewing. Is there anything that more stimulates the soul, than the reading of good books—is there anything which more exalts the soul, the thoughts, the feelings!

The Olio.

TALKING TO BUNCOMBE.—We find in the New York Philion the following exposition of the meaning of the phrase at the head of this article. We merely premise that Buncombe county is in the extreme west of the Carolinas, among the Blue Ridge mountains. A few years ago a new country attorney came to Congress from that region, and began a speech one morning before the house assembled. Rising solemnly "in his place," he turned toward the colored man who was sweeping around the Speaker's chair—"Mr. Speaker," said he, "render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, and unto Mrs. Cæsar the things that are her's; for a man are a man all over the world, and a hog are a hog. Sir, I'm opposed to that thar bill—it's a transparency to shemate the con-sy-tu-sh-ny-on, Mr. Speaker." The negro dropped his broom and stared around the hall and then at the orator; firmly persuaded that the man was crazy, he ventured to remonstrate:—"I tink massa's easier order, 'pon de 'count dat's nobody here 'ept me an Jim what's asleep." The orator raised his hand peremptorily—"sh—sh, nigger, *I'm talking to Buncombe!*"—*Pic.*

WILLIS, in a sketch of a visit which he recently paid to the Greenwood Cemetery, near New York, says:—"By the way, some Christian—some noble Christian, whose name, I think, was on the stone tablet, and I am ashamed to have forgotten it—has erected a vault on one of those shadowy and sequestered hill sides, and consecrated it to the strangers who die in the hotels of the city. God bless the lofty heart that conceived this sweet charity. The portal of the vault looks down upon the serene lake, overshadowed with forest trees, and is, perhaps, the loveliest of those touching localities. Let those who send their friends away, part with them light-hearted! If they die from home, they will at least be put to sleep where love would itself have bestowed them. They will at least lie where the tender and contemplative will pass by, where nature is smiling and serene, where sweet thoughts hourly go in to those who are touched, as we are, with the blest humanity of an asylum. Let the giver of this precious boon be buried close by, when his time shall come, that his name may be always read with the eye associated by the contemplation of his charity."

LEGAL MEANING OF THE TERM "DEAR."—The following scene, which took place in the office of an attorney, is a tolerably good illustration of the different degrees of respect which legal gentlemen are in the habit of doling out to their clients, and of the cause of that respect. The attorney in question about to address a "newly coupled" client in some matter of business, had called on his clerk to write a letter to his dictation. Attorney: Take a sheet of letter paper, James. Clerk: Yes sir. Attorney: Address it at the top, Mr. D——. Clerk: And then say, "New York, March 15th, 1843." Clerk: Yes sir. Attorney: Then say "Sir,"—but let me see.—Has Mr. D—— paid his account? Clerk: He has sir. Attorney: Then address him "*Dear Sir.*" Clerk: I forgot to mention, sir, that Mr. D—— called yesterday, when you were out, and stated that he wished to consult you as to raising an action against Mr. P——. Attorney: Oh, did he? then you may say, "*My Dear Sir.*" Clerk: Yes, sir.

TRUTH STRANGER THAN FICTION.—The Boston Democrat, under this head, tells the following story. It is rather tough, as things go now-a-days, but we suppose we must believe it. It is only the exception to the general rule, which proves the truth of the rule:—A man was convicted last week in Vermont for bigamy, and sentenced to two years imprisonment in the State prison. After the trial, he was handed over to the sheriff of the county in which he was tried, for confinement. The said sheriff gave to the culprit the necessary papers to gain his admission into prison, telling him to go, present his credentials, and he would undoubtedly gain admission. On his way to the prison he stopped at Woodstock, where some, less honest than himself, endeavored to persuade him to run away; but their sympathy was of no avail, he delivered his documents faithfully, and is now expiating his crime in prison."

THE LAST WISH.

In the summer's starry eve,
When the sapphire hearth of heaven,
When the spirit finds a home
In the moonlight and the calm,
Then for others I pray hard,
That, responsive to command,
Kindles with returning pressure
Every pulse to beat with pleasure—
In a liquid eye to gaze
While the soul melts in its rays—
Oh, for this, the only this
Gives my bosom perfect bliss—
Leaving but the little wish
For a chair of Cassedrals!

WASHINGTON AND HIS MOTHER.—Young George was about to go to sea as a midshipman; everything was arranged, the vessel lay out opposite his father's house, the little boat had come on shore to take him off and his whole heart was bent on going. After his trunk had been carried down to the boat, he went to bid his mother farewell, and he saw the tears burning from her eyes. She did not say a thing to her; but he saw that his mother would be distressed if he went, and perhaps never be happy again. He just turned round to the servant and said, "Go tell them to take my trunk back! I will not go away to break my mother's heart." His mother was struck with his decision, and she said to him, "George, God has promised to bless the children that honor their parents, and I believe that he will bless you."

MOSCOW.—A magnificent city was Moscow previous to its